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SESQUICENTENNIAL

MISSION SAN JOSE

150TH ANNIVERSARY

MAY 30-31-
JUNE 1, 1947

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Picture drawn by Jerry Browning

George H. Oakes, Editor

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Board of Supervisors Give Full Cooperation with Mission San Jose Celebration, May 30-31---June 1

"Proclamation" Broadcast by Co. Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 48163

On May 30th, 31st and on June 1st, 1947, the people of Mission San Jose situated in the County of Alameda will observe the 150th anniversary of the founding of MISSION SAN JOSE de QUADALUPE.

Cooperating with the residents of Mission San Jose will be people from every section of Alameda County who will pay tribute to those faithful padres who made it possible to erect the Mission.

People representing every denomination, from every walk of life and from all parts of California will unite in commemorating the founding of this historic Mission.

Recognized today as THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION OF ALAMEDA COUNTY, the MISSION SAN JOSE de GUADALUPE stands out as monument decicated to GOD and the everlasting memory of the founders.

In my official capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California, I commend the Sesqui Centennial Celebration as one that all people of the County should participate in.

I hereby PROCLAIM the celebration during the three days of May 30th, 31st and June 1st, 1947 the official commemoration celebration dates in observance of the SESQUI CENTENNIAL of the Mission San Jose de Gaudalupe.

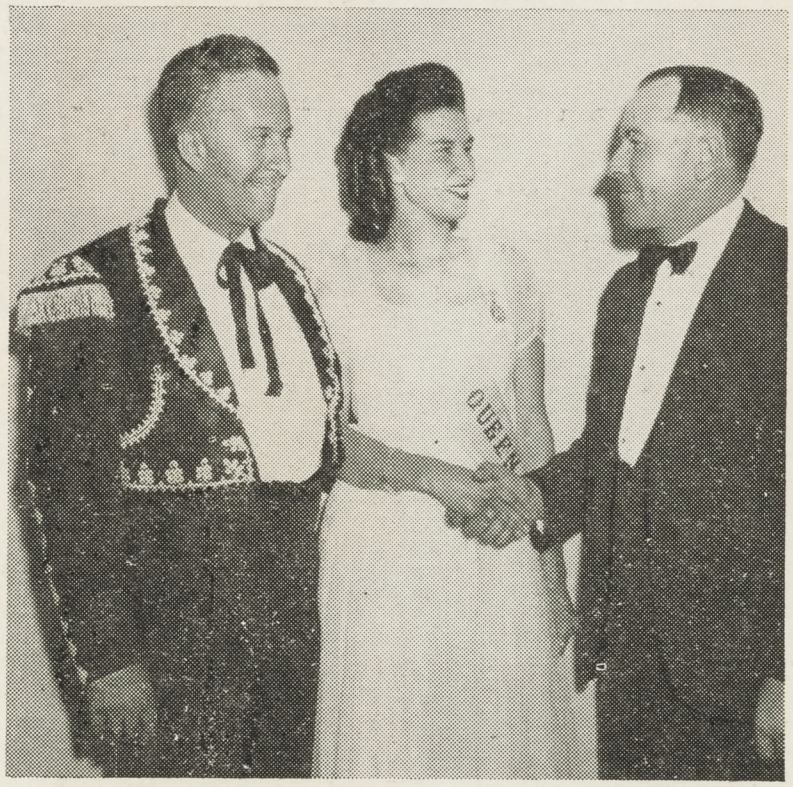
Given Under my Hand and Seal this sixth day of May, 1947.

(Signed) HARRY BARTELL
Chairman, Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California.

ATTEST:
(Signed) G. E. WADE
County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda, State of California.

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR STANLEY, seconded by Supervisor Geo. Janssen, the resolution passed by the following vote:
Ayes: Supervisors Caldecott, Janssen, Wixson, Stanley and Chairman Bartell.

Supervisor Chester Stanley and Edward L. Rose Congratulate Queen RoseMary Telles of Mission



By GEORGE H. OAKES—Publisher of The WASHINGTON NEWS

This edition was made possible by the Board of Supervisors giving Editor George Oakes cooperation in a very substantial way. That can also be said of Mission San Jose's Susquicentennial celebration — the Supervisors encouraged them with financial and personal cooperation.

This is Supervisor Stanley's district and we don't think he missed a single meeting in the long campaign to put over a successful celebration.. Father Rinault, head of the Sesqui committee, received some of the best cooperation from two leaders from Irvington—Edw. L. Rose, chairman of the Queen Contest, and Walter Connolly, chairman of the Parade Committee. Supervisor Stanley will be Grand Marshal of that parade, Saturday, May 31st.

BEFORE AND AFT ER 'RESTORATION'

NATIVE SONS DID A FINE JOB RESTORING MISSION SAN JOSE

These two pictures show how MissionSanJose looked over a hundred years ago. and how it looked after the Native Sons of the Golden West restored it some years ago. Credit must be given to the plans and financing by their Historical Landmarks Committee of which Joseph R. Knowland of Oakland Tribune long has been chairman and great leader.

MRS. SLOAN DOES FINE WORK AS ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

EDITOR OAKES wants to thank Mrs. Sloan for fine historical work in this book, also Angie Bettencourt in the business office, and Karl and Zurilda Wyatt for having such fine work done in the mechanical department of the "News." Reporters were unable to be here

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We had a story about other employes before, so give a few paragraphs to Angie Bettencourt here

EVANGELINE BETTENCOURT OFFICE MANAGER OF "NEWS"

Angie Bettencourt, office manager of the Washington News of Centerville, since November 3, 1945 is the daughter of the pioneer Mello family. Her grandfather (father of the late Mary Mello) settled in California back in 1868. He bought property on Central Ave., which has been handed down for three generations. Angie is a graduate of the Elementary School, W. U. H. School and a graduate of Healds College of Oakland in 1923. She worked for the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Oakland and Bank of America of Centerville. She married Herman Bettencourt of Irvington, who was the son of a pioneer family of Irvington. He worked for Graham Mfg., Co., for a long while but is now working for Leslie Salt Plant, Newark, where he has been employed for a number of years. During the war months his wife, Angie worked in the office of Leslie's for about eight months, just prior to working for the Washington News.

They have a family of two daughters and a son. Their oldest daughter, Lorraine, graduate of class of '46, is attending Sullivan's Beauty College of San Jose. The other two children, Doris and Herman, Jr., are attending the Elementary School of which Doris will be a graduate this coming June.

Besides their work out, they have taken care of their farm which they own an Main St., near Centerville.

IRVINGTON Business

SOITO'S UNION Station

He gives splendid service.

In the picture of Irvington street scene is Soito's Union Gas Station.

ROETHLIN'S CAFE

Roethlin's Cafe, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roethlin, has liquid refreshments and fine meals

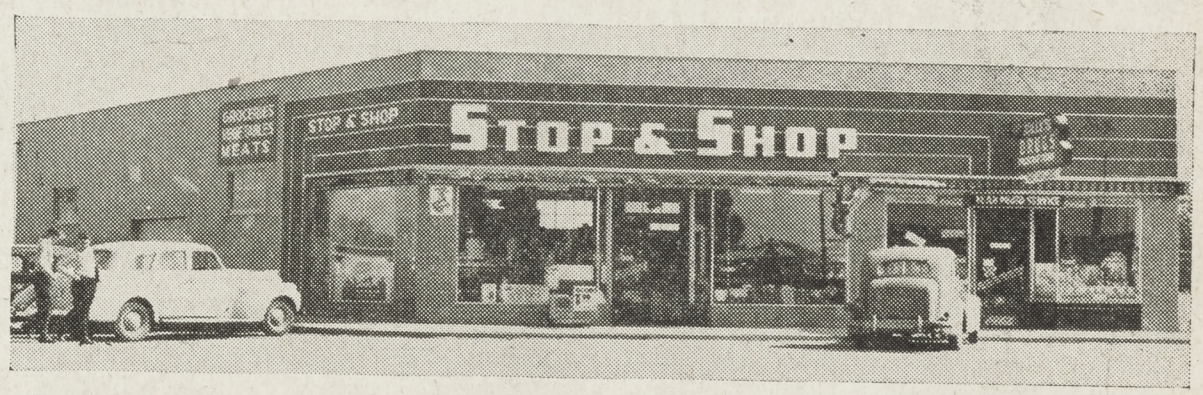
JOE REGO'S PLACE

One of newest and finest place in Irvington is "Rego's Place.

IRVINGTON business view

STAFF OF WASHINGTON NEWS WHO PUT OUT BIG EDITION

NEWARK Business Houses— STOP& SHOP—JOLLY'S--NEWARK GARAGE



BARRY Station

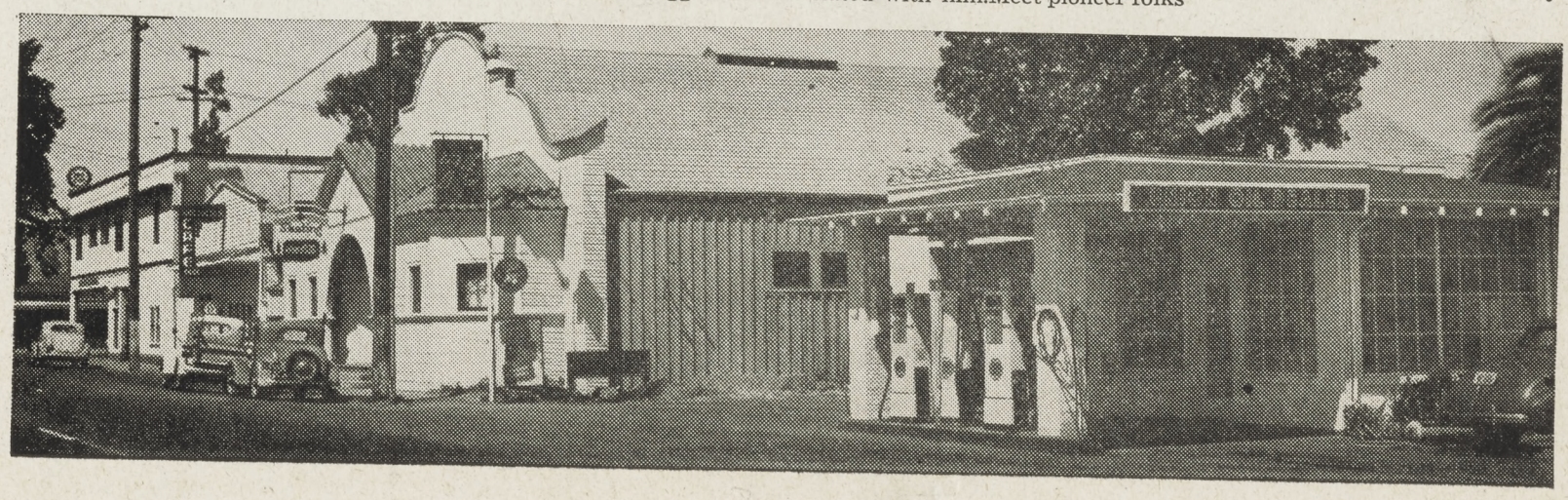
The corner SHELL gas station is conducted by KyleBarry, taking much interest in Sesqui meetings. Corner once called 'NiggerCorner'

BERGE MORTUARY

Tom Berge has a mortuary office near Barry's, and Tom has one in Niles, Ben Murphy being associated with him.Meet pioneer folks

KREUGER'S STORE

Mr. Kreuger is president of the Improvement Club and owns the Kreuger Fountain--also 'variety'.



Center Airport Puts Township on "Air Map"

HARRY BACHSTEIN—DON HU BBARD—C. H. OSBORN

RESTAURANT AT AIRPORT

AVIATION CENTER CORP. NAME OF LOCAL AIRPORT

The local Center Airport people are making it plain that they want to serve the whole Township, and have incorporated their firm under the new name of AVIATION CENTER CORP. The same officers are in charge. President is Harry Bachstein; superintendent and secretary and treasurer is Don Osborn; and C. H. Osborn, manager.

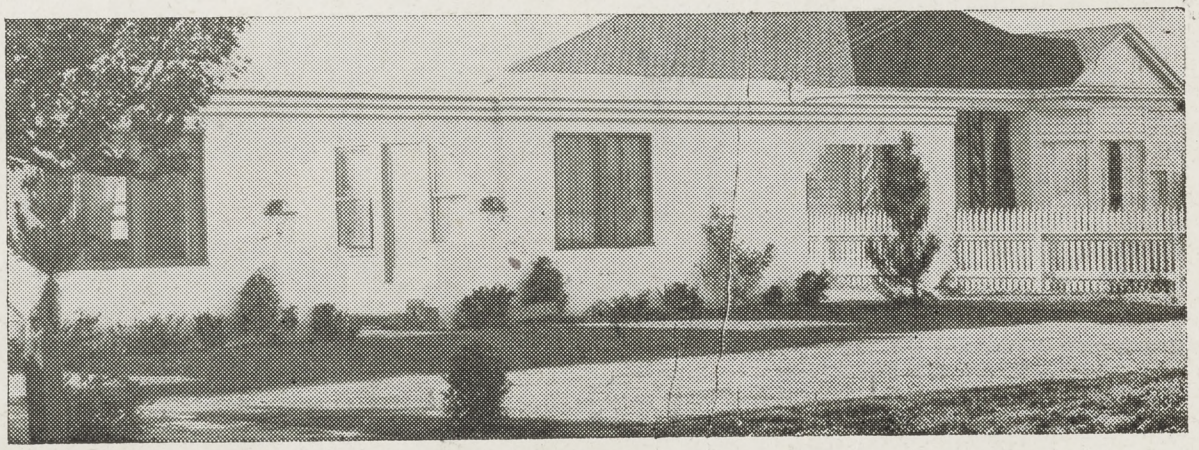
The improvements are continually be made at the airport on Mowry Road. The latest is the restaurant shown above with two ladies in charge. Many students are taking flying lessons. More planes are calling this their home base every day.

Harry Bachstein is a progressive Oakland business man.

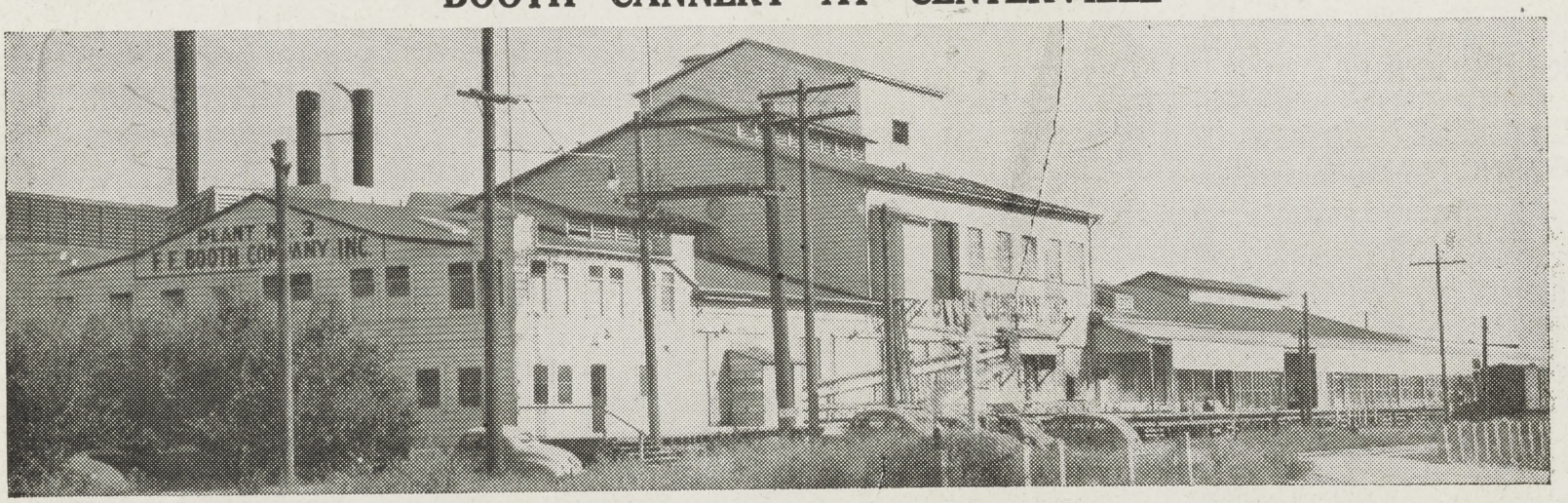
The Civil Air Patrol Cadets, a branch of the Service, chose this airport for a demonstration for student flyers lately, which shows it has perfect flying conditions, according to authorities.

JACK HOLLAND BUILT COURT OF HOMES

Jack Holland is a progressive citizen and has shown this by building a court of homes on Santos Road, a view of which is shown in the accompanying picture. Jack made a great success of a store business, and promoting large new membership drives for the Alvarado Eagles when he was president of the lodge.



BOOTH CANNERY AT CENTERVILLE



BOOTH CANNERY EMPLOYS MANY PEOPLE AT CENTERVILLE CANNERY

The Booth Cannery employes around a thousand employes during their big season run, canning apricots, peaches and tomatoes. The first run is on apricots, and Superintendent Maurice O'Brien has the mechanical department in order for the season's pack. The cannery plant which was enlarged some years ago, is completely equipped, and no doubt represents an investment of over $500,000. The payroll is one big item adding to the workers' welfare, and the growers fruit is purchased here too.

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Irvington Theater in Heart of Shopping Section

MAGIOR OF CENTERVILLE MAKES $50.000 BUY OF THEATER BLDG

Mr. Magior, who operate Magior's Place (former Gregory Hotel in Centerville) made a worthwhile investment lately. It was some high-class business building property with great depth at Irvington. It was worth around $50,000. It includes the land and building occupied by Hugnes Irvington Bakery, the Meat Market, including the Township Cleaners. The places of business continue as usual with a new landlord, and we know the future of Irvington justifies Magior's investment.

In another column the story of Ed Simmons buying the business of Mr. Thiele of Irvington Theater is given, which should mean another investment in improvements to the interior of the theater, etc.

Los Amigos Vineyard

The Los Amigos vineyard was planted by Messrs. Grau and Warner many years ago. It is on the road between Irvington and the Mission, and it is considered one of the finest wineries of the region. During the Grau-Werner regime the vines were replanted with resistant stock, imported from France, and the quality of their output was on a par with any in the West.

It is a beautifully located estate with a wonderful view of both valleys and seemingly almost at the foot of Mission Peak. It is owned at present by Mrs. Ann Mayock and her sons, and the original quality of its product is fully maintained so that the Los Amigos wine is much sought after by fastidious diners.

A.E.ALAMEDA—REAL LEADER

A. E. Alameda, who resides in Irvington, but equally at home in Centerville and all over the Township, shows a high type of civic pride. He is a leader, and working for the interests of the young people—being on the High School board of trustees. He is an executive, being field superintendent of the L.S.Williams farming interests

ED SIMMONS BUYS IRVINGTON THEATER

The Irvington Movie Theatre which has been managed by L. L. Thiele for some time past, is now to be under the direction of Edward Simmons. Mr. Simmons has had some twenty years of theatre experience, beginning with his high school days. He has been in Southern California for the past ten years and has been not only connected with the theatre business there, but also has done some work with the moving picture industry itself. He is eminently qualified to take care of the Irvington theatre and hopes to be a permanent citizen here, as he is bringing his family of wife and eight year-old son with him and expects to make this his home. He was in the service for five years.

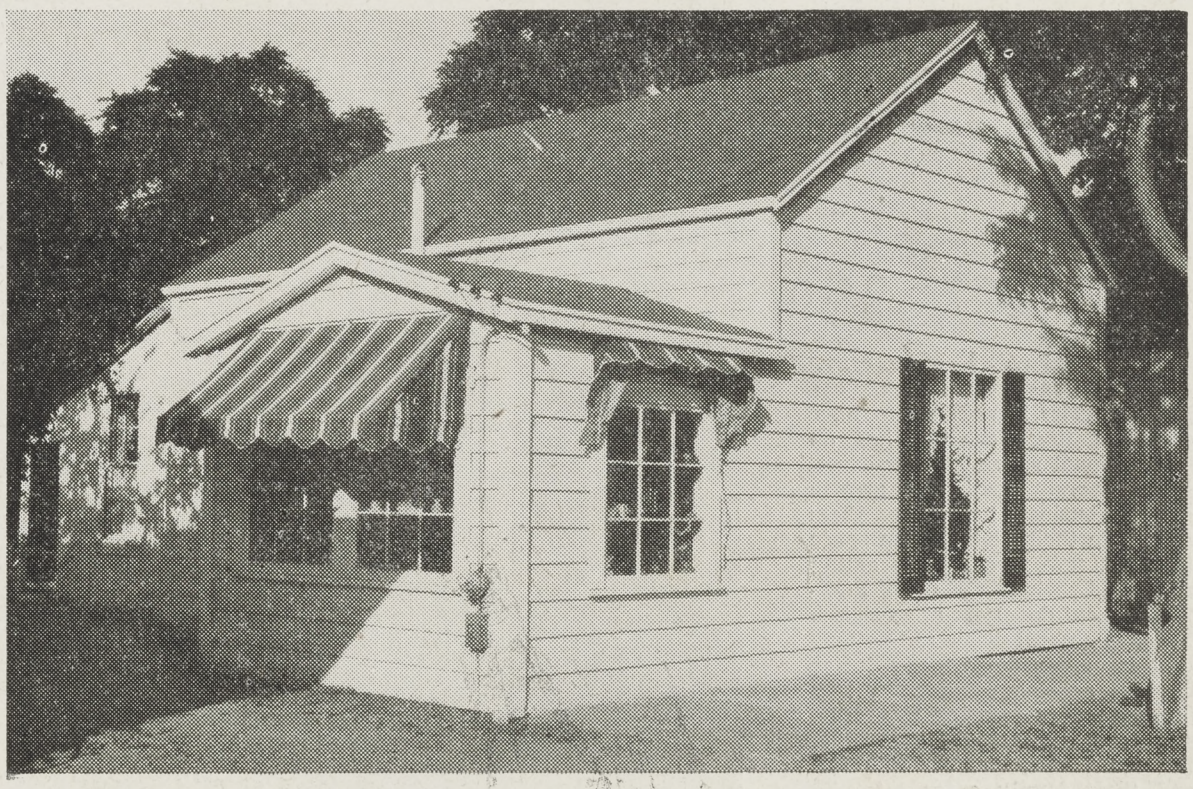
Mr. Simmons is a young man with plenty of drive, and friendly.

Mrs. O. N. Hirsch Opens Antique Shop

The remodeling af a shop across the street from H. & K. Appliance Store in Irvington into a modern shop—for displaying antiques has made a bright spot of this section—especially with the cheerful awnings added. Then newly painted shop can be seen in the accompanying picture, and the selected goods displayed are very intriguing, and will be appreciated by our Township people when the store is formaly opened soon.

Magior Who Bought Theater Bldg.

NEW ANTIQUE SHOP BUILT IN IRVINGTON



ANTIQUE SHOP IS SOMETHING NEW IN IRVINGTON—THANKS TO MRS. O. N. HIRSCH

MISSION SAN JOSE SESQUICENTENNIAL

3-DAY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 30

1:30 P. M.—Presentation of Commemorative Plaque by California Landmarks Committee of the N. S. G. W. under auspices of Washington Township Native Sons of the Golden West.

2:20 P. M.—Pageant Matinee.

9:00 P. M.—Coronation Ball

SATURDAY, MAY 31

10:30 A. M.—Parade

2:00 P. M.—Rodeo—Hidden Valley Ranch.

8:00 P. M.—Pageant.

10:00 P. M.—Dancing.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

11:00 A. M.—Open Air Mass at Pageant Amphitheater

2:00 P. M.—Rodeo—Hidden Valley Ranch.

1:00 to 5:30—Exhibition of Folk Dancing

Irvington Promenaders of Washington Township—Hosts

San Leandro Folk Dancers

Berkeley Folk Dancers

University of California Folk and Square Dancers

The Chamarita Group of Washington Township

8:00 P. M.—Pageant 10:00 P. M.—Dancing

COMMITTEES:

PAGEANT. Mrs. Ann Mayock, chairman. Warren Gravestock, Mrs. Martha Helen Hartsog, Lottie Untiedt, and George Oakes.

PARADE:

Walter Connolly, chairman, Gus Robertson, co-chairman. Manuel Enos, Fred Goosen, Frank Dias, Clifford Rogers, Mrs. Chester Stanley and George Oakes.

DANCES:

Timothy O'Neill and Irvington Promenaders.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Carl Christensen, chairman, Mrs. W. H. Ford, A. W. Gorman and Mrs. Lois Bottenberg, with Mrs. Hortense Cunha, Treasurer, Rosalyn Egan, auditor.

CONCESSIONS:

Andrew Hines.

OLD TIMERS RECEPTION COMMITTEE:

Miss Anita and Miss Theresa Galleagos, Mrs. James R. Whipple and Mrs. Helen Ford.

PUBLIC COMMITTEE:

Mrs. W. A. Sloan, chairman, Mrs. Gladys Williamson, R. L. Batman, George H. Oakes, and John Howe.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Father Joseph Renault, Chairman.

MISSION SAN JOSE:

Tom Cunha, Andrew Hines, Frank Vargas, Jack Pereira, Hazel Millard, Edna Jibson, Hortense Cunha, and Lois Bottenberg.

DECOTO—P. J. Faletti
ALVARADO—Joe Lewis,
CENTERVILLE- Allen G. Norris
IRVINGTON—Edward L. Rose
NEWARK—Sam G. Scott
WARM SPRINGS—James Nunes
NILES—L. R. Batman

SLETTEN'S DEPT. STORE IN NILES

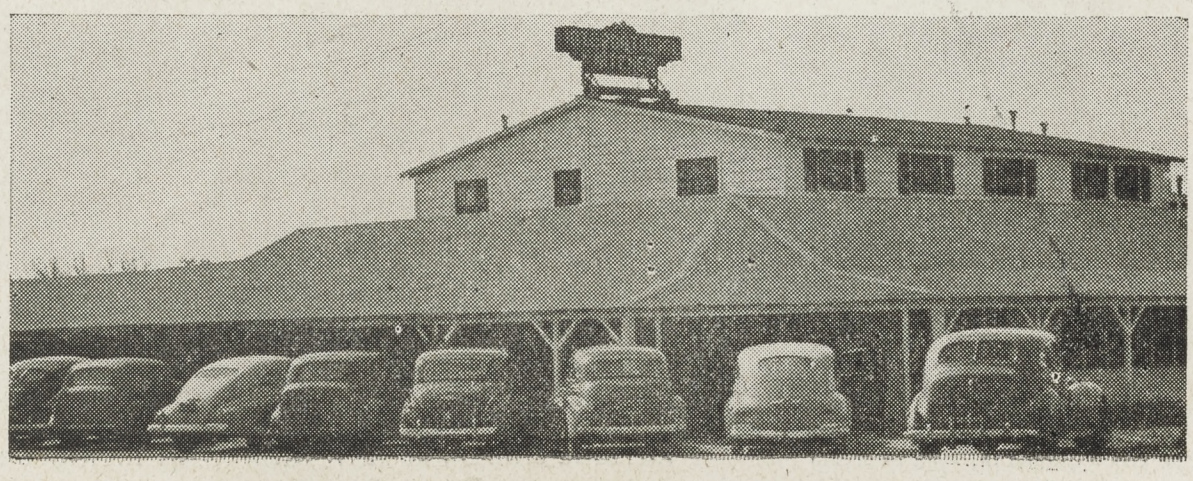
The improvement of Main Street in Niles last year was helped by the streamlining of two stores into one big store to handle men's and women's wear by Mr. and Mrs. Slettin and son Jerry. Attractive is the word. It was formerly the Vieux Electric and the next door Gospel Chapel Our photos did not get to the engraver in time, so we apologize to the Slettins. But we wish to record their fine progress.

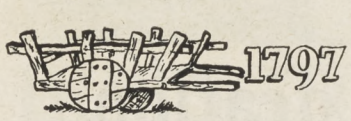
FRICK--PLUMBING-BIG NILES FIRM

Ernest Frick of Frick Plumbing at Niles has one of the biggest appliance stocks in the Township, and his large crew of expert workmen are always busy on large plumbing contracts, and also installing appliances, etc. Yes sir--one of the biggest crews in the Township.

International Kitchen

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Querner have a large eating place that has an international reputation for excellent dinners. Really the growth of their business has caused them to double their dining room space the past few years. This eating place and their ROSE CITY POTTERY (next door) are appreciated. There is a novel display of pottery that is enjoyed by many after having a fine dinner. They are experts in catering to people, and are a part of the Township, their family enters into its and their family enter into its many activities in a fine way.





NEWARK--- Pittsburgh of Interior Alameda Co.

STRATEGIC BAY LOCATION

It is known as the town where rail and water meet in a big way. Its industries are a smallPittsburgh

Salt Manufactured in Washington Township

It is a moot question as to which place, Alvarado or Newark was the scene of the first salt making in this vicinity.

In Newark the first historical mention made is that of Isaac Long from Philadelphia who undertook to make salt but ended up by raising poultry, as eggs were worth more than salt at that time. This was in 1852, and this salt plant was sold in 1863 to the J. A. Plummer Co.

An attempt by Christian Borthson on the banks of Alameda Creek, seems to have been taken over by John Quigley below Union City, now a part of Alvarado. He also sold out to the Plummer Co., in fact all of those early plants seem to have come into the hands of the Plummer Co., around 1870. It was about this time that they purchased a large tract of land from Lyman Beard upon which they established their "Turk Island" salt works, where they used wooden floors for the first time, thus eliminating the bromines from the salt.

Eventually the Plummer Co., sold out to the Oliver Salt Co., and this company improved methods and enlarged their holdings considerably by the time they sold out to the Leslie Salt Company, which was in 1928.

The Leslie People have proceeded to improve the manufacture of salt in many ways, among them the erection in 1941 of a million dollar refinery, one of the best of its kind anywhere, and yet they are constantly enlarging and improving their plants. They now use twenty thousand acres of land with their factories and evaporation plants.

Part of this land is rented to the Morton Salt Co., whose main works are in the east. This is the only evaporation plant they operate, most all of their other plants use mine salt.

Both the Leslie and the Morton refineries are located in Newark, but considerable evaporation is done in the vicinity of Alvarado.

Their payroll adds a decidedly large sum to the business of the township.

Jas. Graham Mfg. Co High In Gas Range Industry

Founded in 1882 by James Graham with only two employees, it has grown until today it is a leader in the manufacture of gas and other kinds of ranges, and its plant at Newark is one of the largest in the west.

The industry started with the making of car wheels for the old Central Pacific Railway shops then located in Newark. From this they went on to the manufacture of cast iron kitchens stoves which took either wood or coal for fuel.

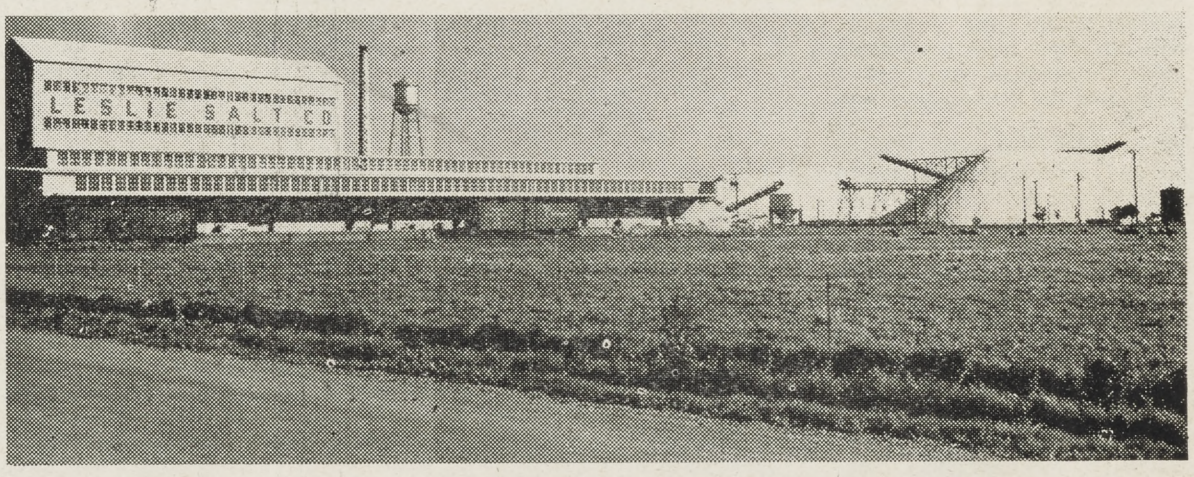
In 1911 they embarked upon the manufacture of gas stoves and have progressed to the point where they are a leader in this line, with their products being sold throughout eleven western states.

The plant, which is a model of its kind, occupies more than four acres. The company's annual payroll amounts to almost a million dollars. It buys raw material which is treated in its furnaces, operates its own foundry, chrome plating and enameling and makes its own castings.

A spur of the Southern Pacific Railroad runs into the plant and it has distributing agencies not only in San Francisco, but in Los Angeles and Portland.

Its present officers are, C. R. Graham, president and general manager, assisted by his two sons, Clarence R. Graham, Jr., and James Graham, both grandsons of the founder James Graham.

LESLIE SALT Co. show1946 $250,000Addition



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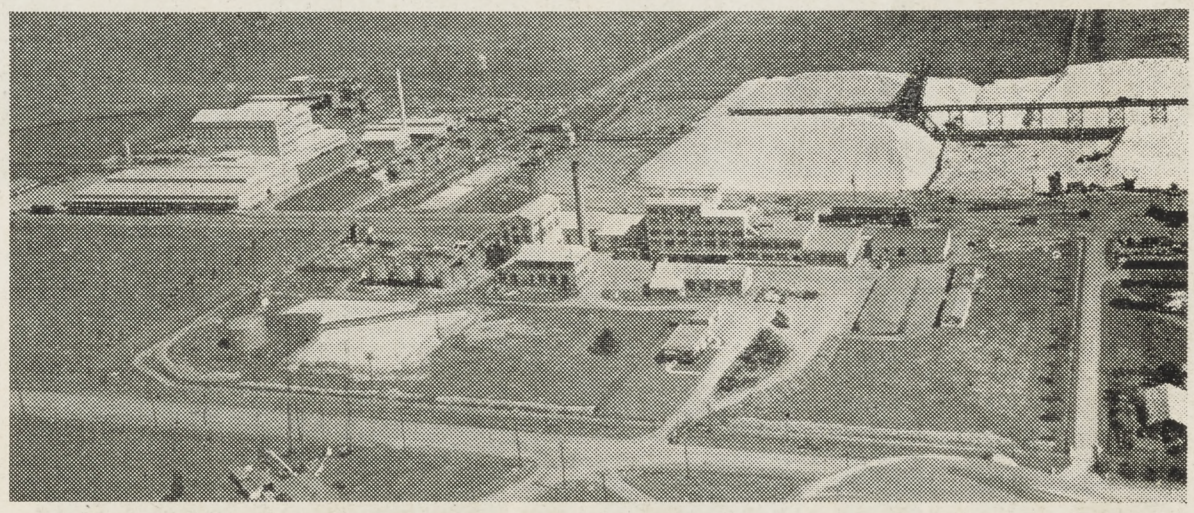
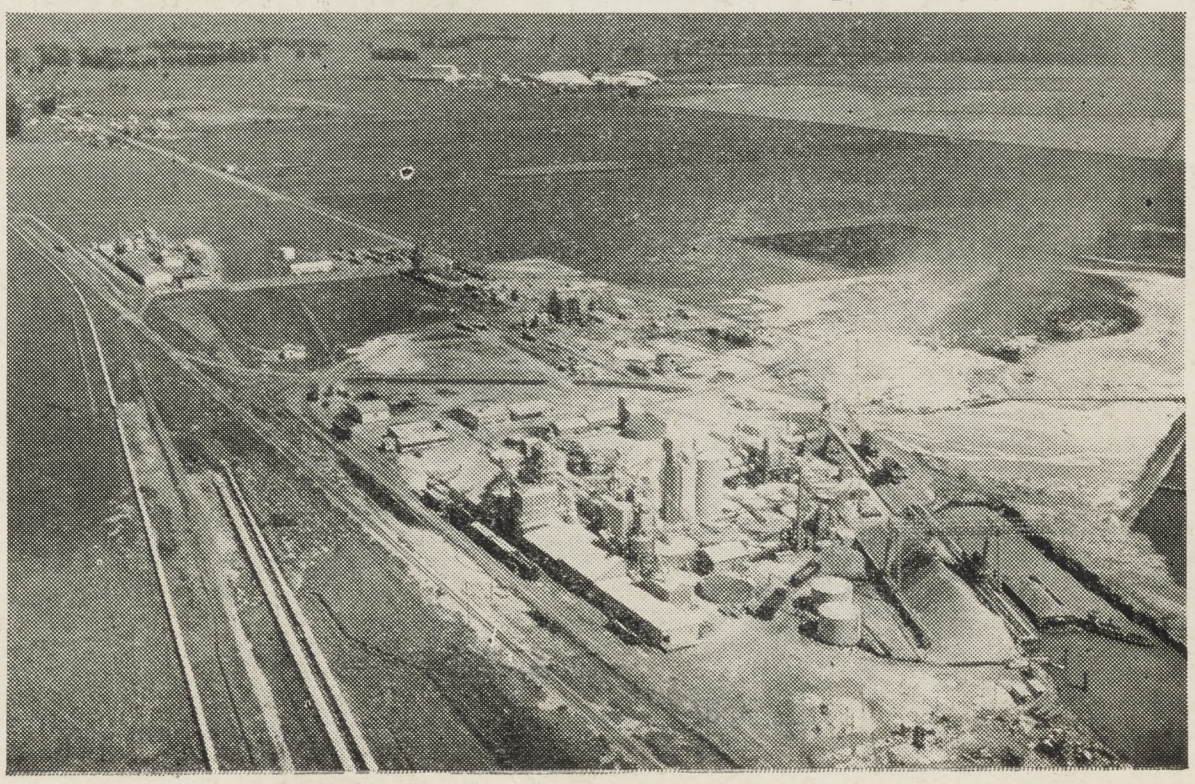
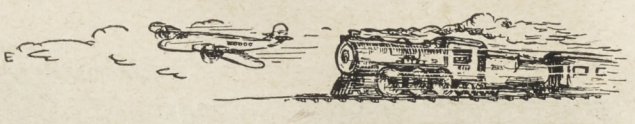


WESTVACO Chlorine Products Corp.--on Bay





CENTERVILLE'S Name Came from Location

KNOWN AS CENTER OF THE TOWNSHIP

The roads of the early settlers from San Antonio (now Oakland) to San Jose followed the most direct route practicable through the Alameda valley. From a ford of Alameda creek to the embarcaderos along the bay the road crossed the other roads and where these trails crossed a small settlement grew up which eventually became Centerville. Geographically speaking the town is about the center of Washington Township. Several attempts have been made to give it a Spanish name, but it still remains the center town and thus Centerville. It is on the northern part of the old Mission grant and near an old river bed from which the wells of the vicinity draw abundant water.

The first men to locate within the limits of the present town were George Lloyd an Englishman, and Frank Pepe, an Italian. This was in 1850. In 1852 or 1853 Capt. George Bond and Stacey Horner built homes in Centerville. More and more settlers came along and built homes, schools, and churches, as well as business houses, and a hotel, now the old Gregory House which is still standing.

The stage coaches which once passed through the town have been replaced not only by the railroad, but by modern stages and automobiles. The traffic going through the town is constantly increasing.

Among other firsts is the fact that it was in Centerville on May 9th. 1855 that the County Board of Supervisors was organized. In 1862 Howard Overacher was elected supervisor and held the office almost twenty years.

Dr. Selfridge was the first doctor, but in 1867 Dr. Cyrus H. Allen, who had served in the 8th Vermont Regiment as surgeon throughout the Civil War came to California to recuperate his broken health and settled in Centerville. His wife was the first president of the Country Club. Both passed on several years ago but not before leaving a fine imprint upon the community.

WATER DISTRICT FOUNDED

The Washington-Murray Township Water Company was organized here May 17th., 1871 for the purpose of preserving the water rights of the Alameda Creek for the use of the people of the two townships. This purpose was defeated by the Spring Valley Water Company.

The work of Chris Runkle is the story of water in the township. He taught school in Decoto in 1901 while publishing the Township Register. What he saw roused him to the danger facing the community.

In 1913 he assisted in forming the Alameda County Water District, the first in California. They prevented the restriction of water at the Calevaras Dam.

In 1937 pipe connections were made with the San Francisco Hetch Hetchy which enables this district to get water when needed. A 100,000 gallon reservoir was erected in Mission San Jose.

In 1939 the Alameda County Water District purchased the holdings of the Centerville Water works, which gave the District not only a supply of water, but a distributing system. They now serve Niles, Mission Jose, Irvington, Centerville, Alvarado and Newark.

Many of the fraternal organizations of the township had their beginning in Centerville. The Alameda Lodge No. 167, F. & A. M. was organized in Centerville on September 9th, 1853. This lodge celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary in 1939 with Arthur T. Biddle one of the early members, Master of Ceremonies. The Masonic Hall Association was formed in 1909 for the erection of their temple which was built in 1911.

The Eastern Star was organized in 1899.

Washington Parlor 169, N. S. G. W. was organized December 13, 1890. and is still a flourishing and active parlor with Ed Vierra as President, with Judge Allen G. Norris and Mathiesen having served their organization for nearly a quarter of a century as secretaries.

The Centerville Lodge of the Knights of Pythias was organized in November 1890, and is still an active group.

Amor da Patria Conselho No. 5 U. P. E. C. is a strong Portuguese Society organized August 12th, 1888. It is the largest of the lodges in the township, and is still in a flourishing condition.

Frietas No. 27, I. D. E. S. is another Portuguese lodge. It was organized February 28, 1900. The parent organization was formed in Mission San Jose. It is still an active organization.

The S. P. R. S. I. which was formed in early days is still active with Mrs. Geraldine Rogers as President.

The Township Red Cross Society was formed in Centerville in 1889, and has done valiant service during the Spanish-American War, World War I, and more recently with World War II, expanding its service to meet the growing needs.

In 1904 the town had a unique

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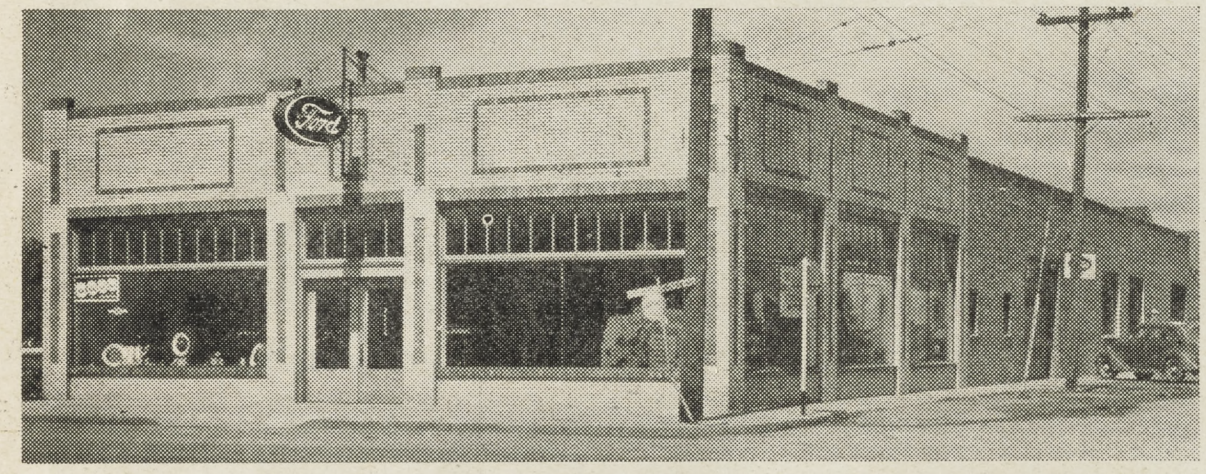
CENTERVILLE Has Most Big Auto Dealers

JOE ADAMS—Ford Agency



CENTRAL CHEVROLET CO. — Brunelli & Calcagno

BIG AUTOMOTIVE CENTER

The center of the automobile dealers and auto repairs is at Centerville, with largest crews giving sales and service, with agencies in other parts of the Township.

In Centerville is the Ford agency conducted by Joe Adams; the Chevrolet agency handled by the Central Chevrolet Co.; Plymouth and Chrysler conducted by Santos Bros., and Dodge agency handled by Paul Hockinson of Centerville Garage.

Joe Adams

Joe Adams, known as the "Friendly Ford Dealer," has had the Ford agency for Washington township since 1935. In an interview with Mr. Adams, we found out that he is a San Jose man, who was general manager for R. M. Cuthbert, Ford dealer at San Jose, from 1924 to 1935, which is a rich experience in the Ford line. He is interested in local civic affairs.

The Fords are in great demand, and are being delivered in increased numbers. At this Ford Agency they do a complete auto repair line.

Central Chevrolet Co.

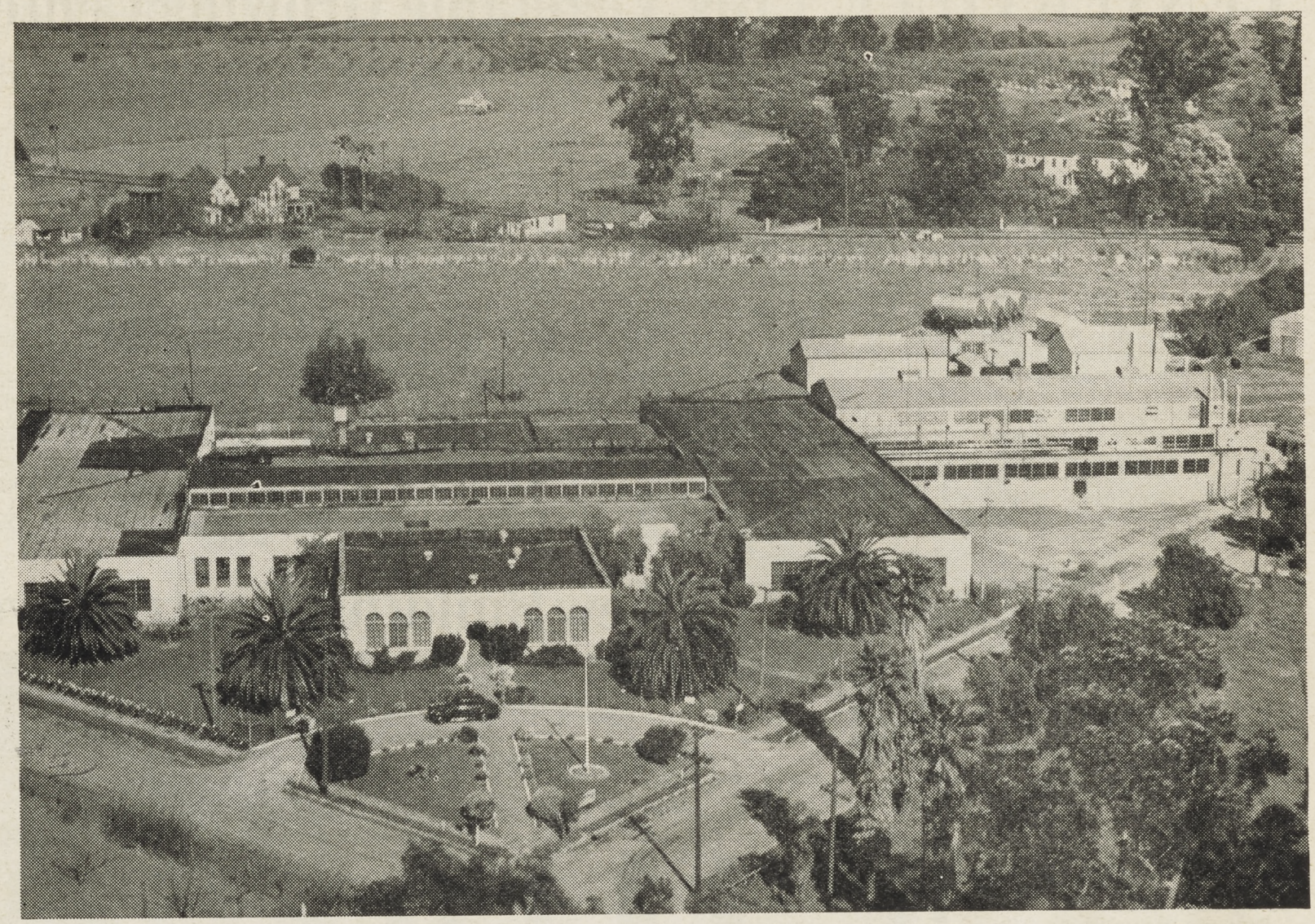
Two very well known auto dealers are Romeo Brunelli and John Calcagno, owners of Central Chevrolet Co., dealers in Chevrolet cars.

A large crew of mechanics in their garage is kept busy, not only repairing autos but doing fine paint and body work on all makes of cars

Wheel aligning is a specialty.

They are located near intersection of Thornton and Centerville Highway, Centerville.

IRVINGTON---Home of Occidental Stove Co.



About 55 Men Working at Big$500,000 Plant

OUTPUT GROWS AT STOVE MAKING PLANT, IRVINGTON

The stove works at Irvington representing an investment of around $500,000 is now busy again after a layoff during the wartime. There are around 55 men busy at the plant, and more added from time to time. This means a payroll is increasing and means prosperity for Irvington, and should encourage other factories to land there.

The plant is owned by Utility Appliance Corporation, with the the plant at Irvington being the Occidental division.

The leaders at the plant include:

Harry Jones, head superintendent

A. Alcaraz, metal foreman

Lawrence Karius, in charge of the enamel shop

Frank Mayer, in charge of assembling

There is a complete process assembling stoves—start to finish.

Miss DorisGoodwin is office mgr. Wm. Robinson is purchasing agent.

ASSEMBLING PROCESS IS AS COMPLETE AS OTHER WORKS

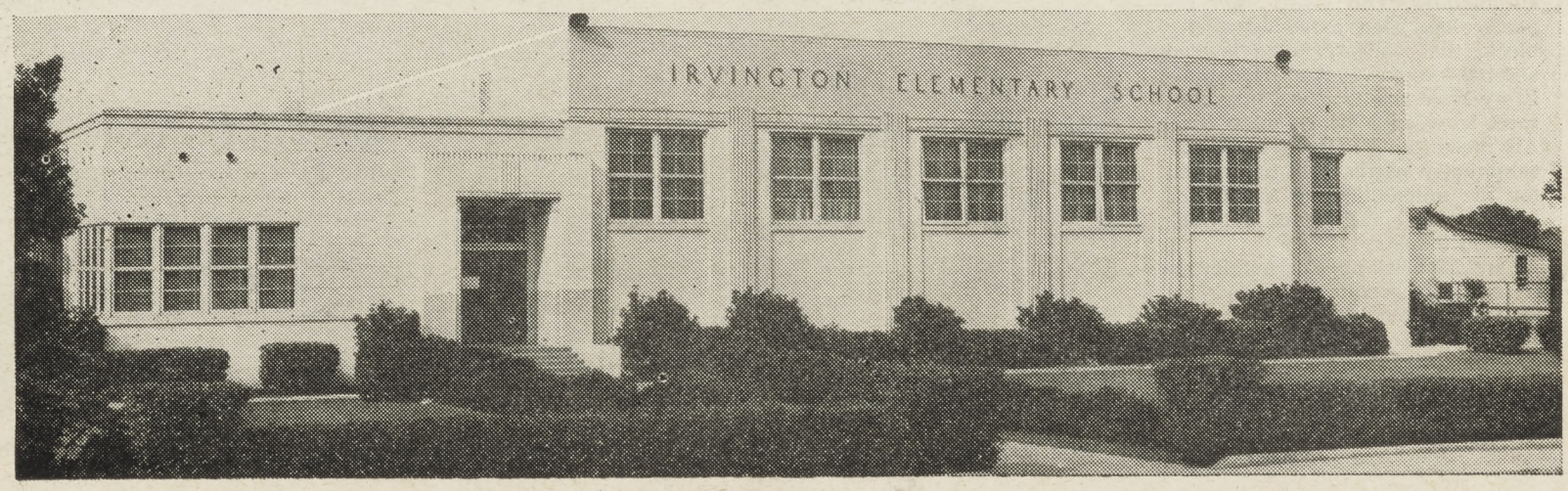
The sheet metal is fabricated there in the shop—including the dies and forms, and they run their own press shop. Active operation of assembling stoves began about April 15th.

An airplane view by Stinhilver, the photographer who took all our pictures, shows the big size of plant

IRVINGTON SCHOOL--Adjoining buildings worth $100,000 Have been added recently

The first public school in Irvington was held in a house that was moved from Centerville in 1862. This served until 1875 when a fine modern two story building was erected. This building was superceded in 1922 by a new one-story building in a new location on the main highway, which served for sixteen years, when the present very fine modern school building was built in 1939 for $85,000.

The population of the district has increased, not only with the addition of the Mowry Landing school to that of Irvington, to such an extent that this school is crowded. The school was most fortunate, however, in being able to secure surplus government buildings and equipment which will materially relieve congestion at the present time, and are worth, if purchased at present prices, somewhere in the neighborhood of $100,000. This has been done under the competent guidance and work of the District Superintendent Gus Robertson. The school now has a kindergarten class in one of these new buildings. Others are being made ready. The recent resignation of Leslie Hiller from the school board leaves R. A. Griffin and Dr. E. M. Grimmer, its present membership.



CENTERVILLE --- Big Vegetable Growing Center

Southern Pacific Depot at Centerville---

Helps Ship Our Products Around Nation

By Stewart Kierner, S. P. Agent at Centerville

Mr. Geo. Oakes, Editor, The Washington News:

The occasion of the celebration of the Sesquicentennial should also be one of tribute to The Washington News for it's success under your Editorial skill and managerial ability. It stands out first in the field of weeklies in the County and is a source of just pride to the Washington Township citizenry.

In this issue I will summarize a few of the high lights of the Southern Pacific activities.

During 1946 the Southern Pacific Co., shipped 990 carloads of vegetables consisting principally of Cauliflower, Peas, Tomatoes, and Favas. These passed through the warehouses of the L. E. Bailey and L. S. Williams, produce firm.

The F. E. Booth Canning Co., shipped 460 carloads of canned goods, the bulk being Apricots, Peaches, and Tomatoes.

Inbound carloads totalled 471, the leaders in the recapitulation being tin cans, steel and lumber.

The year 1947 has started out with a similarly heavy trend, 501 carloads of perishables already having been handled.

Southern Pacific trucks deliver less than carload freight to Centerville daily except Sunday, and in addition make an exchange transfer for the Irvington, San Jose territory. A steady substantial flow of merchandise comes in daily for our various distributors. These include the Centerville Electric & Pump Co., receiving large shipments of pumps, electric equipment and radios.

The Geo. A. Colt Co., likewise received daily supplies of stoves, plumbing goods and hardware. The F. & E. Mfg., Co., carloads of steel to be used in the manufacture of Burners and Casings, which have a market extending to the East Coast.

The Southern Pacific is looking ahead to the future Centerville needs. The Booth Canning Co., track capacity has been extended to handle 10 more cars daily. Our freight loading platform is being conditioned to handle carloads of automobiles. Our Team Track capacity has been extended a city block, the roadway being leveled and hard surfaced. And incidentally we have practically a new railroad between Newark and Niles. All these items help to serve our community better and to provide for the unloading and moving of lumber, steel and items of building and industry.

Our Flourishing Community is so situated productively and industrially that the reverse gear boom due to start this fall and continue into election year, will have little effect on us.

Spring will bring building activities, then shortly Apricots and Peaches will be ready to move to the Booth Canning Co. This means employment for hundreds of the young people in this vicinity. They will be kept busy until November with the various crops, the last being Tomatoes. Next the winter vegetables will be moving to the Eastern Markets. These shipments move regularly during the entire winter and spring. In summation, this spells year around activity and payrolls.

Perhaps this partially explains the comment: "Centerville The Town With the Metropolitan Atmosphere."

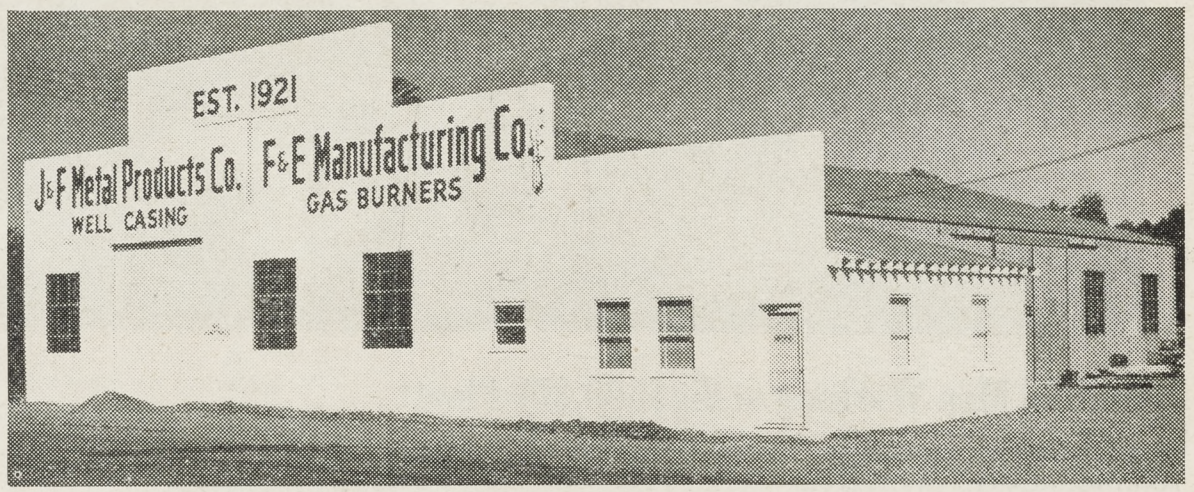
CENTERVILLE'S SCHOOL, BUSINESS HOUSES, CHURCHES, ETC.

Centerville grew up as a town because it was where so many of the early trails crossed. Geographically it is about the middle of the township. The first white men to locate within the present boundaries of the town were George Lloyd and Frank Pope, who was an Italian, in 1850.

One of the first post offices in the township was established here about 1852. Gradually stores, homes, and other shops made their appearance, with the coming of the railroad around 1870, more rapid developments took place, until today it is a thriving town with three churches, a fine grammar and high school, bank, a branch of the County Library System, many fine organizations such as the Lion's Club, the Druids, the Native Sons and Daughters, the Masons, Chamber of Commerce ,a fine modern theatre, a modern mortuary, the Chapel of the Palms, a modern fire department, many up-to-date stores of all kinds, lunch counters and restaurants as well as two drug stores, a fine cannery, The F. E. Booth & Co., an old established lumber company, P. C. Hansen & Co., and a weekly newspaper "The Washington News" established about twenty-five years ago, and enjoying a fine circulation.

Among the more recent achievements have been the opening of the Center Airport, situated on Mowry road, which is proving of great value to the town. Also the J. & M. Metals Products Corporation have erected a modern steel and cement building on Central avenue.

Jason Has New Building, Central Ave.



MAN FROM TOWNSHIP HAS MANY PATENTS ON BURNERS

Joseph Jason learned all about gas burners from over 30 years experience, dating back to the time he was employed in the Wedgewood factory in Newark in a very responsible capacity. Many years ago he started out for himself, and perfected gas burners to such a degree that they get highest approval of Government representatives. The name of his company is the F and E Manufacturing Co.

BURNER SOLD IN ALL STATES

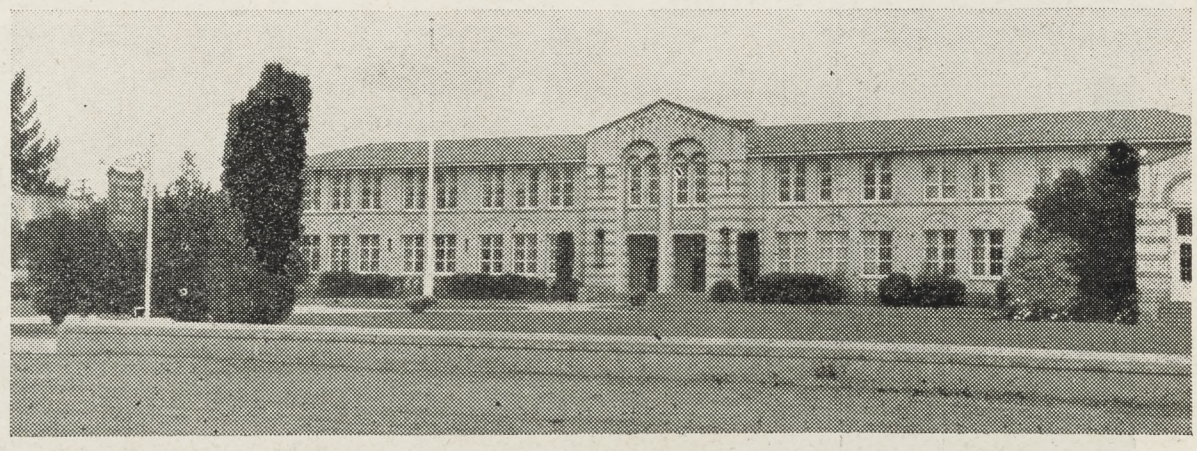
Another company he operates in Centerville is the J and F Metal Products Co., manufacturing well casings. The demand for this product is from every state in the Union. At the end of the war when materials for building were available, Joe Jason decided to put both firms under one roof, and so the fine fire-proof building shown above has just been completed on Central Avenue.

The tremendous amount of space offered in this plant must be seen to be appreciated, with a fine concrete floor covering the entire area.

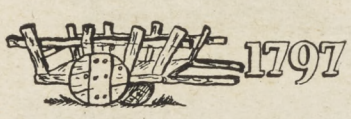
Many times the past few months Mr. Jason has flown to Detroit to handle orders in connection with his plant, and to Los Angeles, and this showns that Centerville has taken on a national importance in the minds of many men high up in the well casing and gas burner business. The patents that Mr. Jason holds would fill a few desks, from what we have seen.

His wife understands the business, and while he is away on business she carries on at the plant.

WASHINGTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL is located at Centerville--



J. V. GOOLD IS SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGH SCHOOL—WARREN GRAVESTOCK of Nite School



CENTERVILLE --- Growing Center

IT'S HISTORY—Part Two

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branch of the Southern Pacific R. R. which sported the motive power of horses driven tandem. Today the great engines thunder through the town pulling long freight trains which come from San Francisco via the Dumbarton cut-off, or from the interior valley via Niles Canyon.

There are many beautiful homes in and around Centerville where great trees, shrubs and flowers add beauty to the scene.

Centerville is also quite civic minded and much good for the community is being accomplished by members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club.

The Chamber of Commerce was organized in 1923 with J. A. Coney as president, F. T. Dusterberry, vice-president, F. T. Hawes treasurer, M. J. Bernardo, financial secretary; and M. P. Mathiesen, recording secretary. The advisory board was made up of four members, W. W. Walton, Manuel Oliveira, J. C. Bettencourt, and M. S. Simas. Thirty-six of its original active members have passed away, but after a lapse of 17 year, was reorganized this spring thanks to L. Marriott, as president.

The Lions Club received its charter on October 30th, 1931 and has been active in community affairs ever since. In 1939 they made a deposit payment on the site of the old town hall which had been torn down in 1929 for the purpose of building a movie theatre in Centerville. This move eventually resulted in the fine theatre of today. They sponsored the Centerville Grammar School patrol which was organized in August of 1939, and contribute to the milk fund of the grammar school children, as well as very many other worthwhile activities.

Among the eating places of Centerville the Cloverdale Creamery on Main Street in unique, for the place. It was built in 1939 by Joe Bauhofer and sons at the cost of $12,000. Additions have been made to it from time to time, especially in caring for the milk products they handle, and it has become a favorite place to drop in for fine ice cream or light lunch.

A recently opened cafe is that of the Shanghai owned by Harry Louie and sons. It is on the second floor of the Anderson building, over the post office, the telephone office, Henry Miller's cleaning establishment, the Peerless Bus station, also a light lunch counter, and Joe Silva's Sportsmens Barber Shop.

Other eating establishments in the main part of town are the Kleine'sRestaurant, Kleine's Cocktail Bar, and nearby is Sid's Pharmacy, light lunch, and the California Inn, where Pete and Peggy Johnson not only serve wholesome and nourishing meals, but dispense kindliness. At the eastern end of Main street is the Bear Cat Cafe, Pierces Service Station, cold lunches, and next to the high school, the Varsity Cafe.

There are several grocery stores. In the Hansen block is the Excelsior Bakery and Grocery store, in the "News" building is also the Victory Market of Ralph Boliba, about mid-way of the block between Fremont avenue and the Firehouse, is the Red and White, while across the street, near the old Gregory hotel is the Bong Brothers Centerville Food Market, and in the Masonic Building, is the Safeway store.

In the block which begins with the fine Bank of America structure are a number of small business houses including Brandt's Shoe repair shop, Cliff's Pool Hall, Lou's Cardoza's Real Estate and Insurance office, Beauty Parlor, Joe Alves Barber Shop, Hellwigs Meat Market, Dr. Stanley MacMillan's Dental office, Dr. J. Merle Buehler's office, Edith Benjamin's "Your" Hairdresser, and the Sunrise Bakery, as well as the Fire House. On the corner of Main and Parish is the Ulrich Mfg.. Co. a comparatively new enterprise making fishing tackle. Gilstrap's 5c, 10c and up Store is on Main St.

On the other side of Main street from the railroad east is first the old Gregory Hotel, one of the oldest buildings in town, now run by Magior. A little farther down the street is the real estate and insurance office of Charlie Wauhab, and the Alameda County Water Dist. office. The postoffice with Postmaster M. Lewis serves us.

The only dry goods store is that of Joe Kirkish in the Masonic building. A new apparel shop has been opened further down on Main street, under the name of Veebee.

There are two drug stores, that of Allen Walton, an old establishment, west of the railroad in the Hanson Bldg., and Sid's Pharmacy in the new Center Theatre bldg.

There are also two dentists, Stanley MacMillan, and the office next to the County Library of young Dr. Elmo Grimmer, recently returned from service.

Three doctors have offices in the town, one of the oldest in point of residence being Dr. W.L. McWhirter. Dr. J. Merle Buehler on Main Street is the latest to open offices while Dr. Geo. S. Coleman has his office in his spacious home assisted by Dr. W. Wilber, returned veteran

There is only one hardware store that devotes itself entirely to that kind of merchandise, that is the George Coit store, in the Hanson building. The Centerville Electric of A. S. Enos, whose store is on the corner of Center street and the Main highway also handles some hardware, but it is incidental to their large electric and pump business.

There are a number of service stations and garages. The Associated Oil Service Station of Matt Whitfield in on the corner of Center and Main, while on Center street is the Centerville Garage of Paul Hockinson and the Machine Shop of Mr. Mau.

At the junction of Thornton avenue and the Main highway, is the Dutra Bros., Service Station handling the Chevron products, while across the street facing the Newark road is the Central Chevrolet Garage and Service Station, one of the oldest in the town, where Romeo Brunelli and John Calcagno not only hold the township agency for the Chevrolet, but have an expert repair service.

Nearby is the Cement Block Mfg , Co., under the management of A. L. Phillips.

Taking in part of the old Presbyterian church ground, is the efficient Shell Oil Service Station with Henry Gomes in charge, while a few doors farther, near the railroad, is the spacious Ford Agency and garage of Joe Adams, the "Friendly Ford" dealer.

On the road to Irvington is the Pierce Service Station, and the Mohawk Oil Service Station next to the Varsity Cafe. Not far from the Centerville Electric is the Santos Bros., Garage holding the agency for Chrysler and Plymouth Cars, as well as servicing cars and doing expert repair work.

In the Hansen block are also several offices of importance, the Chapman & Goodwin Accounting firm the Alameda County Health Department with Mrs. Ebright in charge, and the headquarters of the Washington Township Justice Court and constabulary, while next door is the old bank building now the office of Judge Allen G. Norris and Leroy Broun.

The only lumber yard is that of P. C. Hansen & Co., which is also one of the oldest in the township. This is on the Corner of Baine avenue, while further south along the railroad we find the distributing station for this township of the Union Oil Company, and next door to it, the large F. E. Booth Cannery Co., operating a good part of the year, with a sizeable pay roll.

Opposite to Hansen Lumber Co. across the railroad, is the old building of J. & M. Metal Products, the fine new building of this entengetic firm is on Central Avenue.

The Dallas Paul Mortuary, "Chapel of the Palms" is farther down on Main Street, while not far away is the Beauty Nook of Norma Willis and the new dress shop of VeeBee. A short distance farther is the only radio shop in the town. Kohlers.

L & V Trucking started a new business section devoted to trucks depot, repair station, eating place. Union gas is sold at a big station. Next door is Geo. Silveira's feed and fuel store, the L&V FarmSales

In addition to the pump work done by the Centerville Electric is the well boring firm of Silva Bros., on Fremont avenue.

Centerville is also proud of its new airport where many private planes are housed and where those who want to learn how can be taught the technique of handling one of the planes now in use, which are as different from the old planes, as the new automobiles are from the first models. Charles Osborn is the manager of the field, Don Hubbard has charge of maintenance, while H. S. Bachstein is the main sponsor.

This would not be complete without mentioning the packing establishment of Williams Bros., and Lloyd Bailey at the S.P. depot, where many car loads of produce find their way to market.

Besides the shoe department of the Kirkish store, is the fine new Miller Shoe Store in the Center Theater, and also the auto parts store of James Hagen.

Centerville also boasts one of the most unique womens clubs in the country, this is the Country Club of Washington Township formed in 1896, and recently celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. There are many womens clubs, but none that cover a whole township in their membership. This club of earnest women do many fine public services, and add to the cultural atmosphere of the township as well as for Centerville. Churches here are the Holy Ghost Church, Presbyterian andEpiscopal LouisJoseph has fine machine shop.

E. B. Hodges handles real estate.

GEO. R. SILVEIRA owns L & V Farm Sales

In the picture below Geo. R. Sil veira, owner of L&V Farm Sales (selling feeds and fuels) has his f ather, right. (Plant opp. Hi School)

WARM SPRINGS

A Brief Historical Sketch

by Elizabeth Haskell Sloan
with Resume of the
Legend of Warm Springs,
written by
Dr. Edward Robeson Taylor

The region of Warm Springs appears on the old maps as Agua Caliente, which means warm water. It was first discovered by the Indians of the region who evidently camped there at some time during each year, for they left great mounds of debris in the immediate vicinity of the warm Springs. There were a number of these which, at one time, were really hot but the 1868 earthquake seems to have altered their heat, so that today, although containing several kinds of minerals ,they are only warm.

The advent of the white man brought these springs into the public eye. First were the Padres, but they made no settlement. Next came the Spanish and Mexicans, records seem to give the Higueras the first title. Fulgencio Higuerra was granted the extent of two leagues, something like nine thousand acres. Life at that time in this area was purely pastoral ,as the early life of so much of the world seems to have been. The coming of the Americans, however, brought a new era.

It was about 1852 that Clement Columbet came up from San Jose and decided to make a health resort around the various springs. He bought a portion of the Agua Caliente Rancho, and built a hotel, which is still in use, and developed the place to such an extent that it was considered the health resort of the state. Various travelers tell of stopping there.

The stages of that day made two stops there daily, and various small vessels brought guests from San Francisco to the landing where they were met by a fine coach and four, and driven the short distance to the hotel in great style and with considerable flourish, according to old letters written by guests of the hotel.

It is interesting to note the names of some of those guests, especially when the Springs were at the height of their popularity. We note Judge P. Ord of Butte County; Captain Brenham of San Francisco; S. F. Wentworth of New York City; H. Burkenroad of St. Joseph, Mo., Harry Norton and Lady, Salt Lake City; M. Ehrman, M. D., Geneva, New York, and to me at least two very interesting signatures, that of Newton Booth, and R. A. McClure. Booth registered from Sacramento, McClure from San Leandro, but evidently the two were together for the same person wrote both names. This was in 1868. Booth was state senator in 1863, elected governor of the state in 1871, and United States senator from 1878 to 1881. McClure was a large land owner of this region, and the McClure family still own land on Mission Peak.

Another interesting feature of these old registers were the local names, for instance, Geo. W. Peacock, registers from Harrisburg. The present site of the town of Warm Springs, where he then had a general merchandise store, including a drug store, a hotel, and the post office.,

Warm Springs School (above) — Brown's Store, Postoffice and Library (below)

Miss Sarah Scott registered from Vallejo Mills, the present Niles, and site of the first flour mill in the region which had been erected by J. J. Vallejo and had a very colorful history.

In 1869 the property was bought by A. A. Cohen, the San Francisco lawyer who, at one time, owned most of what is now Alameda. Then came the the Central Pacific Railroad in 1870, looking for a deep water terminal. They had bought the site of the present Treasure Island, but alarmed San Francisco blocked that development, and A. A. Cohen sold to the railroad company. Leland Stanford, and his confreres, the ferry system which he had built up. Somewhere along the line Leland Stanford acquired the Warm Springs property, which at his death passed to his brother Josiah Stanford, who was a brother-in-law of Dr. Edward Robeson Taylor ,the poet doctor of that period. It was the presence here of those Indian mounds which so intrigued Dr. Taylor that he wrote the legend, based partly on fact, but mostly on poetic imagination. The facts were the remains in these mounds of many human bones, and the two races of Indians, one of which occupied the hill region, and the other the low lands, or plains. This Dr. Taylor used, and the story ends with the destruction of the home of the wicked hill tribes and the origin of the Warm Springs.

The Stanfords continued the vineyard planting which had been begun by Columbet, and built a very fine brick winery, which still stands. ,

It can been seen from the main highway as one passes what is now called the "Hidden Valley Inn and Dude Ranch," but which now belongs to the Weibel Champagne Co.

Time marched on, however, and the automobile took the place of the fine horses which Mr. Stanford had so loved. The property had become just a private estate of a country gentleman, but losing none of the beauty possessed by the orginal hotel grounds which had been laid out by an expert landscape gardener.

The coming of the railroad and the automobile spelled the doom of the Warm Springs landing. The amount of early produce, grain and hay which had been shipped to San Francisco and other places by the little ships they called "Lighters" was very great, and meant a great deal of activity and business for the little town, practically all of which was lost to the train and the automobile. More or less this changed the kinds of crops which were raised in the vicinity. More people have come into the area until today the old time charm of the place is being, to a certain degree, lost to the march of progress.

The climate is an ideal one, much less fog, much more sunshine with no great extremes of temperature because it is within what is called the "thermal belt" and thus has a most equitable temperature the greater share of the year.

Today the Warm Springs property which was such a popular health resort in early days, but closed to the public by the Stanfords is again open, and is a most beautiful and restful place to go for a bit of vacation, a horseback ride, or just a noon day stop over.

The old Warm Springs school building which was erected in the seventies and considered fully adequate at the time, grew out of date, and has been replaced by the present model school building, one of the best in the county.

Old buildings are giving away, new and modern ones are being built, the best example of this is the General Merchandise store on the corner of Railroad avenue and the highway.

An active Chamber of Commerce is working toward the betterment of the community, and recently a fire department has been organized and plans are being formulated for erection of a firehouse.

IRVINGTON Has Three Big Appliance Stores

H&K HomeAppliances

Jack Kuegeman and Allan R. Hirsch have a very large stock of appliances at their Irvington store. In their big concrete building nicely lighted they have a real display window. It is known for its big line of radios as well, and has become known on account of the Philco sign outside. They are exclusive Philco dealers for Washington Township.

Jack Kuegeman is directly in charge and has a radio repair man always on the job, and has employes assisting him in selling and delivering and installing furniture, etc., in many homes throughout the Township.

The location is so well known that when the postoffice is built by Allen Hirsch's father, it will be next to the H & K Home Appliances. Jack Kuegeman resides upstairs with his wife and daughters.

H & K HOME APPLIANCE Store—Conducted by Jack Kuegeman & Allan Hirsch

WalterConnolly'sStore

A public spirited businessman is Walter Connolly, who is the General Electric dealer in appliances in that section. Many lines of appliances and furniture and household appliances are also kept in stock. This is the most modern two story business building in Irvington. Upstairs is a group of apartments where young couples have found a happy rental home from Mrs. Hirsch, owner of the building.

Walter Connolly is son-in-law of Mrs. E. H. Hirsch, and since the death of Mr. Hirsch several years ago, he and his wife have made their home at the outstanding Hirsch home near the Irvington school.

The picture alongside this story shows the modern display windows and up-to-date stock of goods.

The Connolly have two live-wire sons. This "pep" seems to run in the family. As chairman of the Sesquicentennial Parade Committee, Mr. Connolly has brought action and results—as many people from all over the East Bay have entered floats in the big parade.

WALTER CONNOLLY'S Appliance and Furniture Store Building at Irvington

Edw. L. Rose's Store

A splendid man of action is Edward W. Rose, owner of the big appliance, furniture, fuel and feed store of Irvington at the corner by the monument. Nothing can stand still where Mr. Rose is concerned, and his business management of the Queen Contest of last year's Apricot Festival was drafted to make the Mission Queen Contest and Coronation Ball a big success also. All parts of the township patronize Mr. Rose, and one of the biggest businesses he is connected with is the plumbing firm of Rose and Day, composed of Wayne Day and Edw. Rose.

Mr. Rose calls Irvington home, and his residence on the Irvington road south of town is one of the valley's most attractive,

EDWARD L. ROSE FEED. FUEL and APPLIANCE STORE—IRVINGTON

NILES --- Has Strong Business Section

Ellsworth Bldg.--Niles Market at corner---E. A. Ellsworth Real Estate office in same bldg.

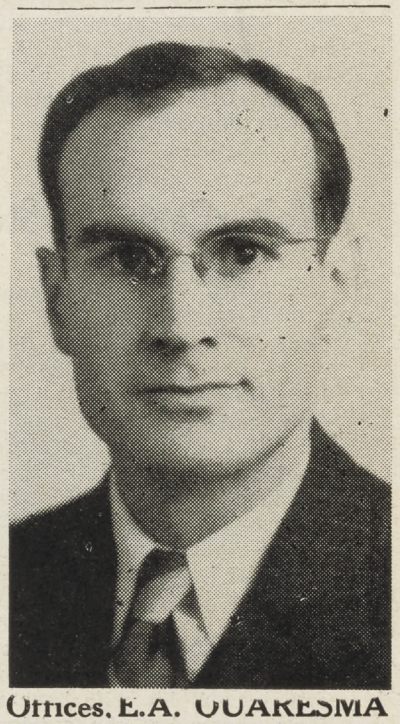
ELLSWORTH Company

The Ellsworth building is one of the most prominent in Niles, and the pioneer insurance and real estate man, E. A. Ellsworth has been proud (as we see it) to have his son Vernon manage the business so capable and enter in the spirit of the business lifeof the town and in fact the whole township.

Pioneers will remember the pioneer real estate firm of Jones and Ellsworth, because they did more to develop Niles in early days than any two team of men. They were authorities on the township values and helped locate industries there.

Frank Duarte Owner of NilesMarket

The corner store in Ellsworth building is conducted by Frank Duarte, who has purchased the interest of his partner Jos.Avila after 9 years together, with Joe wishing Frank best luck. Duarte has groceries, vegetables and fruits. His corner location is well patronized.



Offices, E.A. QUARESMA DR. WILSON--UPSTAIRS

The offices upstairs in Ellsworth Building are occupied by Attorney Edward Quaresma (justice of the peace), and doing a fine job—and by Dr. Wilson, dentist.

P. C. HANSEN LUMBER CO. pioneer inTwp-yard also inCenterville

P.C.HansenLumberCo.

This pioneer illustrated edition will be remembered and kept as a souvenir portraying especially pioneer firms — and one of the truly long established firms is that of the P. C. HANSEN LUMBER COMPANY. Its headquarters are at Niles, and the picture above portrays its modern style.

P. C. Hansen surrounded himself with men who grew up in the company—one being George Bonde, who has controlling interest in the firm, and is actively engaged in the business. Other men who grew up with the firm were the late Chris Hygelund, and his son Earl Hygelund, now actively in charge of the Centerville branch of P. C. Hansen LumberCo.

Former branches at Alvarado and Decoto, now discontinued, are having the trade come to Centerville or Niles yards for service.

Assisting George Bonde in the handling of the firm at Niles is his son, George Bonde Jr., who like his father takes a big interest in the Township's welfare.

CY and LEON SOLON Have Associated Statio n & Refreshment Place

LEON AND CY SOLON—Owners

Leon and Cy Solon are two brothers who are natives of Washington Township, who have an fine investment in their up-to-date service station and cocktail bar that is a thing of rare charm. It looks as when you are actually there. The meeting of many friends at Solon's is a tradition. The Associated Gas Station is well patronized.

Many pioneers remember Leon when he was a "traffic officer" in the Highway Patrol Service, and he could ride that motorcycle at the rate of a "mile in nothing flat" —now he is a busy business man.

These handsome blond boys are exceptionally friendly, and the editor is proud to call them friends. Note beauty of Niles hills in picture

Interior County Once Greater Than Oakland

Pictures below show importance of our interior county in 1878. Before that Alvarado was first Countyseat

Alvarado Supervisor Helped Win Civil War

By N. W. ARMSTRONG

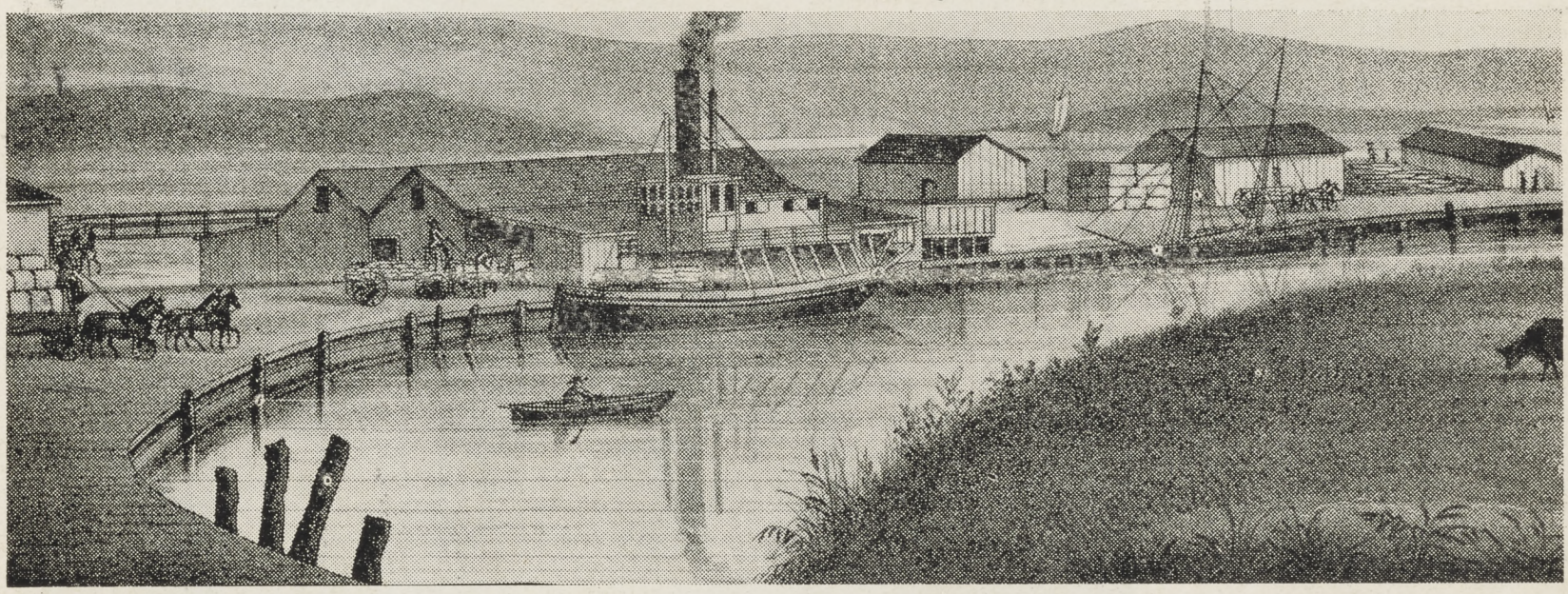
History records that Captain C. S. Eigenbrodt was "a real hero, patriot and friend to church and community." At the time of the civil war in the United States, he was living on a farm near Alvarado. He was of German descent but born in New York state, and was a graduate of West Point. It was this fact which made him the logical leader of the company which was formed in 1863, when Major Thompson of Oakland, received the commission to organize a battalion for active service in the war then going on between the north and the south. California being so far away from the scene of the conflict was not directly involved, but several incidents show the feeling in the community, as for instance, the man who daringly raised the Rebel flag, to have it angrily torn down, and the man himself threatened if he did it again. In the light of this incident it evidently was not difficult to enlist a company of men who were ready to fight for their flag, and a company of dragoons was organized in Centerville known as the "California One Hundred." This is an almost forgotten incident in the history of our community but worthy of remembering

It was quite natural for a West Pointer with the proper training to be the one to head this company, thus it was that Captain Eigenbrodt was called from his farm home near Alvarado, and given command. They trained here then went east where they were incorporated into the Massachusetts Second Cavalry in order to fill out that company's full strength and thus became a part of the regular army of the United States during the civil war period.

It was just about a year later that in an engagement in the Shenandoah Valley, Captain Eigenbrodt was killed, the exact date being second of September, 1864.

That was his patriotism and heroism, but that he thought of the welrare of his community is indicated by the fact that he left a sum of money to be used to found a library in Alvarado. It was this fund which formed the nucleus of the old Odd Fellow library. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Crusade Lodge of Alvarado, Number 100. He also served one term as County Supervisor. The record therefore seems to justify the statement made at the beginning of this little sketch, that Capt. Eigenbrodt was "a real hero, patriot and friend to church and community." although we have no difinite record of his church activities.

'STEAMER' TAKES GRAIN TO S. F. from A lvarado by stream connecting with Bay in 1878



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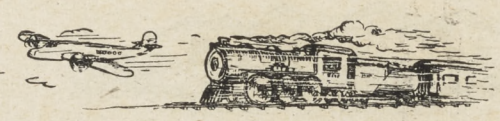
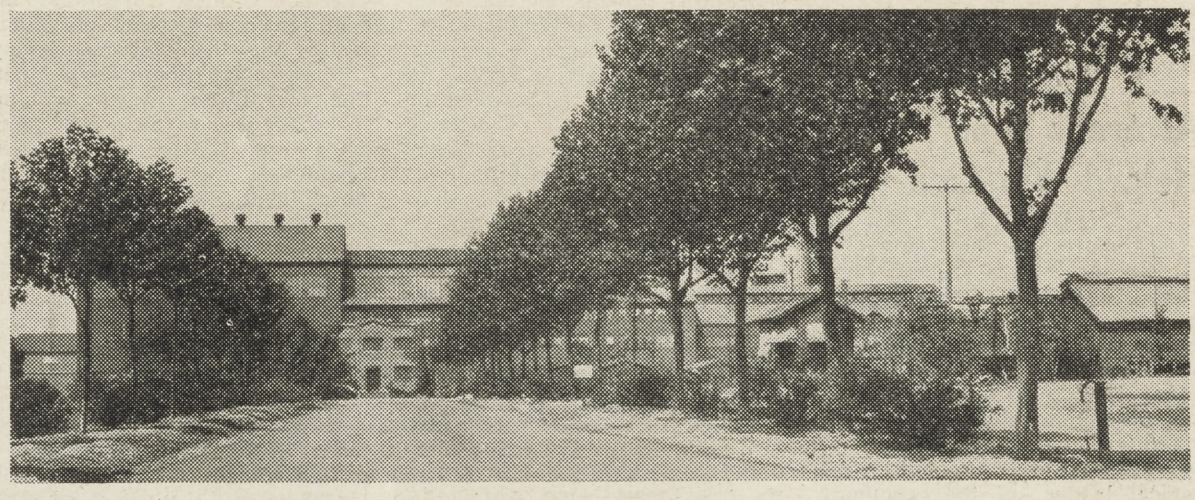


ALVARADO---Home of Holly Sugar Mill

FIRST SUCCESSFUL SUGAR BEET MILL IN U. S.--IN ALVARADO

The first Alvarado sugar factory was organized as the California Beet Sugar Manufacturing Company in 1867 and began work of manufacturing sugar from beets in 1870. It followed the pattern set by some thirteen other endeavors to extract sugar from beets, and closed down after a two year run. The first factory in the U. S., was built in 1838 in the east, in North Hampton, Massachusetts.

A new company was organized by E. H. Dyer as the Standard Sugar Mfg. Co., in 1879, and operated until 1886, when the boilers blew up and killed the fireman.



The new organization in 1887 was called the Pacific Coast Sugar Co. but it only lasted one year. In 1889 the property was purchased by the Alameda Sugar Co., and it has been a successful venture since that time, and is now the property of the Holly Sugar Company, under whose management the plant has been almost entirely remodeled and brought up to date and is now one of the large industries of the township employing a large number of people during the height of the season, and a crew of around fifty even during the slack period of the year.

August May Founded Bank of Alameda Co.

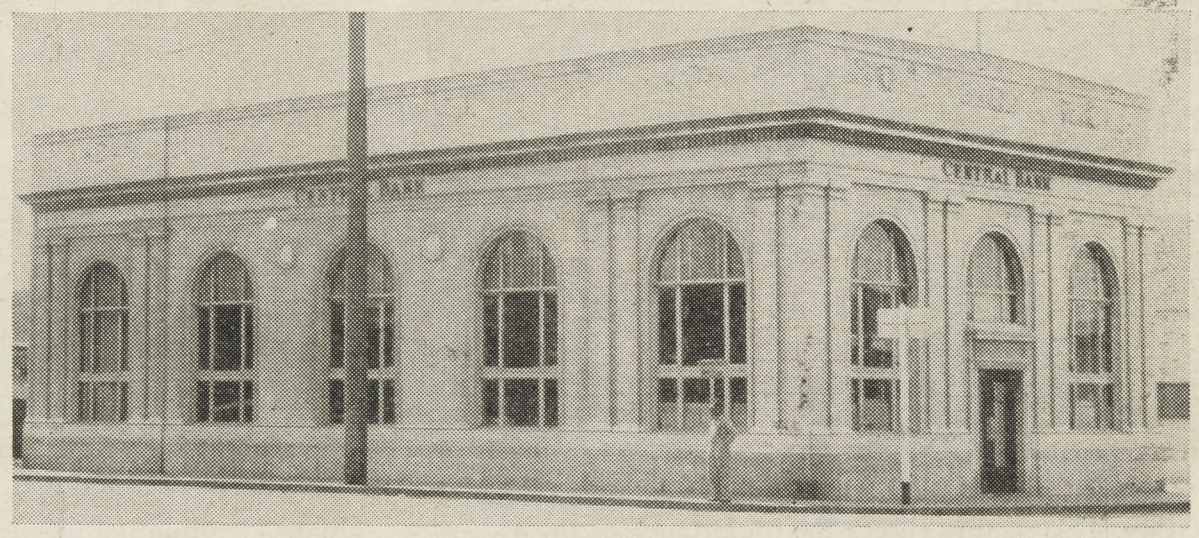
Too often the pioneer is not given the credit that is due him. Take for instance August May—how many people coming into the Township realize he was the most important financial figure for around half a century. He was the driving force with a group of men who started the Bank of Alameda County, with the head office at his home town of Alvarado, and branches at Niles and Irvington. Mr. May sold his interests to the Central Bank of Oakland. He was the equal of the best San Francisco bankers. Alvarado should always be proud of him and commemorate his achievements.

MRS. MAY 'CARRIES ON'

We are proud of Mrs. August May who carries on at the family home in Alvarado. She is active in charitable work, helping the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital, and a good neighbor.

When the Red Cross came around for the drive this year, she was one of the very highest donators, said Mrs. Paredes, chairman.

CENTRAL BANK'S--ALVARADO BRANCH BUILT by AUGUST MAY



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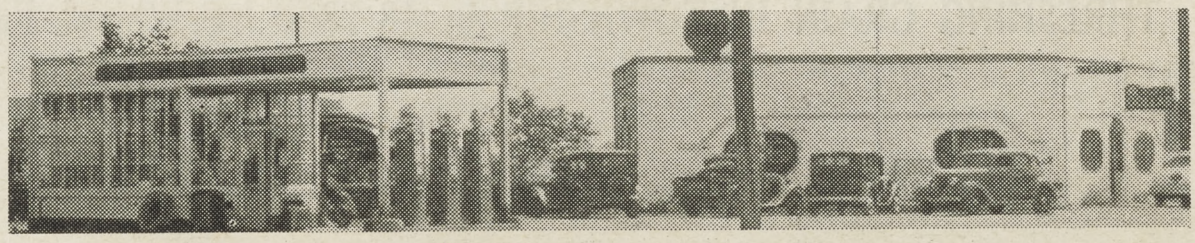

ED MARTINEZ has been kept busy with his fine greasing jobs as well as selling that fine Shell gas at his service station in Alvarado. He is adjutant of the VFW. It is Paul Rivers Post of Alvarado.

SILVER DOLLAR Cafe

Morris Davilla and Jack Cordoba have done splendidly at the Silver Dollar Cafe, and their pep and courteous ways have brought many new customers. They are both Alvarado boys making good.

MANUEL ANDRADE'S S tandard Gas Station & Store

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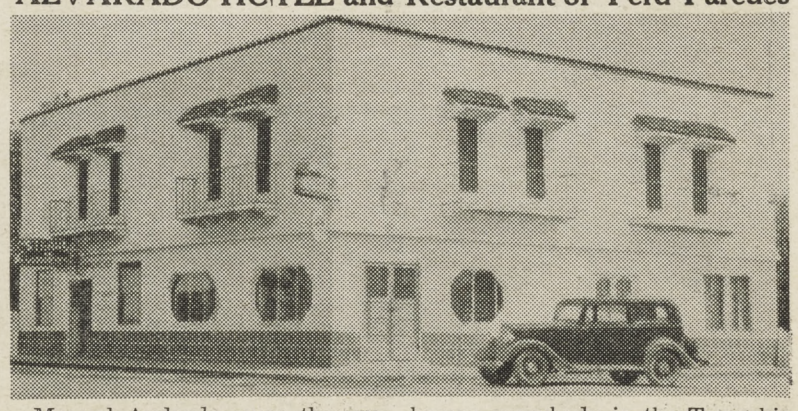


Manuel Andrade owns the grocery store and gas and oil station handling Standard Oil products at the north end of Alvarado. Manuel knows everybody in the Township as he used to live on the Creek Road for many years. Sandwiches and liquid refreshments are sold,

CENTERVILLE'S $100,000 Theater Bldg. in 1946

KIRKISH STORE in the heart of the Centerville business section is shown above with a splendid window display, and carrying a very large stock of merchandise. Joseph Kirkish has been one of our longest established firms, and carries men's, women's an children's furnishings.

The SAFEWAY STORE is the only one in the Township. Being the center of the area—doubtless was the reason for locating here.

SID'S PHARMACY is a new business this year in the Center Theater building. This drug store of Sid Salzman has a complete prescription service. His brother Jack has charge of the fountain and sandwich refreshment service.

MILLER'S SHOE STORE in the Center Theater building is new and spic and span, because this theater building was just put up last year. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a wonderful business. They keep a complete stock of shoes for all.

CENTERVILLE AUTO PARTS Store is conducted by Jas. Haggan and Art Showers and the accommodating way of getting special parts for people's wants has advertised him all over the valley. He is in Center Theater Building.

DR. ELMO GRIMMER JR. has a fine dental office next to Safeway Store, and this young man has had splendid practice ever since he opened hos office last year.

CENTER THEATER deserves a big patronage by reason of their putting an investment of over $100,000 in this building, which gave us a home-town theater, and added three new splendid businesses. Royal French, manager of the theater, has done splendid in getting new pictures coming in considering a new theater has to start booking against long established firms, Mr. French says. His courtesy and experience have brought Salih Bros., owners, big results.

(MERCHANTS IN PICTURE) KLEINE'S COCKTAIL BAR— is in the picture above on Main St. This is a long-established place of business by two experienced business people, Jack and Violet Kleine —Their place is really a work of art, and a restful atmosphere, their many cutomers attest to. The SEA FOOD they serve is positively delicious. They serve it after 6 p. m. each evening.

PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT is conducted by Frank and Louise Partlow, and they have sandwiches and coffee, sodas, etc., and their noon day dinners are very good, and drawing additional trade, as their progress added a few home made stews that hit the right spot. The Partlows have charge of the business and treat customers fine.

SPORTSMEN'S BARBERSHOP is conducted by Joseph Silva, and his highgrade haircuts bring customers from all over the township. His place is shown in the picture above.

HENRY MILLER'S CLEANERS are kept busy—they have offices in Niles, Decoto, Alvarado, and their main plant in Centerville—as is seen in the picture above. Henry has been in business a long time, and gives pickup and delivery service of high caliber.

CHARLES WAUHAB, REAL ESTATE AGENT, has been one of the best informed men on property values, and has long been bringing many newcomers into the valley through sales of homes, etc. His wife assists him, and they do a big insurance business too.

CENTERVILLE FOOD MARKET is conducted by Gong Bros. They purchased Holland's Food Store last year. They have a complete, grocery, meat, and vegetable service.

MAGIOR'S PLACE has a steady business at the well-known pioneer Gregory Hotel, and the eating service is very wholesome and the service in the cafe finds he keeps the best of beverages.

IRVINGTON---Once Called 'Washington Corners'

HISTORY—SKETCH OF PRESENT BUSINESS MEN

Irvington, like so many towns in this region, has changed its name several times. Also like many towns, it grew up where roads crossed. First it was "The Corners" for many years, but as it developed that name was changed to "Washington Corners" and finally to Irvington.

It is the second oldest settlement in the township, due perhaps to its nearness to the old Mission. It was here on the little creek which comes down from the Mission that John Horner, the first American to settle in what is now Alameda County, built his first cabin, which later gave way to a fine two-story home which unfortunately has been destroyed.

Mr. Horner started the industries of the township when he established a blacksmith and wheelright shop at his home. Today Irvington has one of the largest stove manufacturing very plants.

It was on June 24th, 1939 that the old Reed Bros. Manufacturing plant which cost the town some $50,000, was opened for work by the Steiger and Kerr Factory and Stove Foundry $500,000 plant. This firm had been operating in San Francisco since 1869. It was recently reorganized with John H. Stattler, president, Wm. C. Gaffers, vice-president, and George H. Stattler, secretary-treasurer. Work at present in under Harry Jones as manager.

It manufactures the well known "Occidental" gas range among other things, fabricates raw steel and maintains its own enameling and plating plant. During the war with its demand for steel, the plant could not operate, but rented its building to the U. S. Navy for a supply depot. It is only recently that it has again taken up the manufacture of stoves.

"The Independent" was published at Irvington when it was "The Corners", by Albert E. Lyser and W. W. Theobalds in 1874. This was at the time when the town was experiencing something of a boom, due to the establishment of the first Protestant College, in the state, called Washington College, with Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Harmon in charge. This institution graduated a number of notable people, but after a number of changes, closed its doors in 1914.

When the railroad came through then called the Central Pacific, but now the Southern Pacific, in about 1868, the first station agent was Wm H. Mack, who also was one of the first merchants of the town, and was the first one to build a two-story home. This building still stands on the Main street of Irvington, and houses the County Library Branch, under the care of Miss Elizabeth Lowrie on the first floor, as well as providing an apartment for "Aunt Marth" Mack, very much loved daughter of Wm. H. Mack. Miss Mack is still quite active, and belongs to the group of people who first organized the Masonic orders. The upper floor of this old home has been converted into apartments.

In 1887 an iron flag-pole, 110 feet high was erected and still stands in the little triangular park which was donated to the town by the Walters estate many years ago. The late Mrs. Mary E. Beardsley, who was the third custodian of the County Library branch, which office she held for sixten years, devoted much time and care not only to her library work, but to care of this little park.

The only member of the Walters family, now resident of Irvington, is Mrs. Fannie Cramer, the granddaughter of G. M. Walters. She lives in the house which her grandfather built about 1870. In one corner of the yard her husband, V. M. Cramer, has a modern plumbing establishment.

One of the early beautiful homes of the 1870 period, was that of H. Crowell. This home has been moved back, and faces another street, while on its original site business, structures have been put. One of these is the fine pressed brick building erected by Frank Leal in 1922, called the "Leal Building." The lower floor houses the Irvington Movie Theatre and two shops, one the bakery of Art Hughes, who in 1940 took over the shop which had been established soon after the building was erected. Mr. Hughes came here from Modesto, where he had worked for many years with the San Joaquin Bakery.

Adjoining this building on the east, is the Universal Garage which is in the building erected by Hansen and Leal for a lumber yard, later occupied by the Salz Company as a feed store.

In 1853 the United States postoffice was established with Timothy Rix as the new postmaster. At present, it is in a part of the old Tierney and Weston building, which at one time housed a general merchandise store, first Tierney and Weston, then K. F. Reynolds, and finally the late Henry Weston. Today it is a variety store which was established by Reis, but now owned by H. L. Krueger. Manuel Joseph, the present Irvington postmaster, hopes to move into permanent and modern quarters when the new postoffice building is erected for which O. N. Hirsch has the contract. It will be next door to the present H. & K. Appliance Store where Philco radios and other electric appliances may be bought.

The first public school was established in 1862, a fine new house was erected in 1875, a still newer one on the Main street in 1922, and in 1939 on the same site, the present, quite modern building was erected. It has already proven too small, and government surplus buildings have been obtained to help out the crowded condition, while there is a bond issue of $48,000, coming up to make necessary enlargements. Gus Robertson is the District Superintendent of the school, with a capable corps of teachers, and the first public kindergarten department in the township under RebbaMae Benbow

There are a number of lodges in the town. The Mission Peak Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F., which was organized in 1863, was the second lodge to be instituted in the eastern part of Alameda County. There were ten charter members, and the first Noble Grand was Chester Harris. The present is Robert J. Wright, who not only looks after the care of the lodge building, which was erected in 1890, and the Odd Fellows Cenetery, which was dedicated in 1877, and holds the graves of many early pioneers, but handles a large insurance and real estate business. The old cemetery register is a very interesting historical document.

In the Odd Fellows Building at present on the ground floor, is the Irvington Beauty Parlor and Jo's place, while the second floor serves as a meeting place for a number of lodges.

The burning of the big warehouse in 1880 and of Beard's barn in 1881, which destroyed one of the first landmarks of the community, resulted in the beginning of a fire department which was, at first, merely a bucket brigade, that was hardly enough for in 1887, a fire which caught in the printing office swept out nearly the whole business portion of the town.

There have been other fires, but it was not until 1937 that a fire district was organized which held its first drill in December of that year hardly getting acquainted with their new equipment before they were called to extinguish a fire in the barn of Henry Weston on January 27th, 1938. In the election of December 1937, the officers elected were Joe Corey, chief and club president; William Hirsch, Jr., assistant chief, and Al Monese, vice-president.

In 1939 a modern up-to-date fire house costing $7,500 was built and dedicated on October 3rd, of that year. The Firemen's Association is still a volunteer one, but with their fine equipment they have piled up a fine record. The present fire chief is Al Peixotto.

One of the first merchants of the town was W. H. Mack, 1861, who later was the first station agent and the second postmaster. In 1867 Jacob Hirsch opened a store which is today the E. H. Hirsch store and under the management of O. N. Hirsch and his son Allen. It is a general merchandise store and grocery and does a large business.

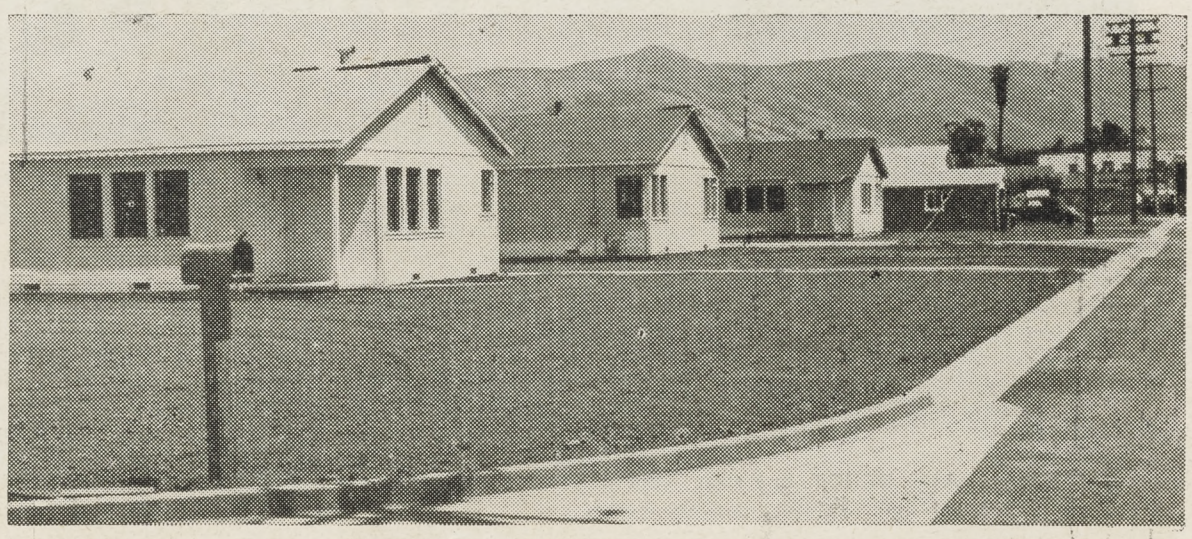
One of the first druggists of Irvington was a Doctor Ford, who was also a dentist. He was, however, such a genial soul every one called him "Pa" Ford. The building which he erected, housing at that time the drug store and other stores is still in use, and houses today the Pond Drug Store as well as Dr. J. H. Durham's dental office, where the good doctor has held forth for some fifty years and is still caring for the teeth of the community.

The earliest doctor seems to have a Dr. McKeane. He was followed by a number of doctors ending that early period with Dr. Nellis. In 1908 Dr. Elmo Grimmer came to assist him and married his daughter Ethel,.

Dr. Grimmer is still in Irvington, although during the war he moved to Niles and took over Dr. Grau's patients in addition to his own. Since Dr. Grau's return he has moved back to Irvington where his office is next door to his home.

The old Clark Hall building which was erected around the seventies, and used for some time as a store below and a theatre above, is now the modernized store of Edward L. Rose, who handles not only various appliances, furniture, hardware and farm implements, but also supplies many people with feed for their chickens and livestock. At present Ed is not only handling business interests, but the Sesqui Queen Contest.

HARRY STEVENSON STARTS IRVINGTON TRACT OF HOMES



ATTRACTIVE HOMES AT A REASONABLE Price are being built at the north entrance to Irvington

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Interior County Once Greater Than Oakland

Pictures below show importance of our interior county in 1878. Before that Alvarado was first Countyseat

Alvarado Supervisor Helped Win Civil War

By N. W. ARMSTRONG

History records that Captain C. S. Eigenbrodt was "a real hero, patriot and friend to church and community." At the time of the civil war in the United States, he was living on a farm near Alvarado. He was of German descent but born in New York state, and was a graduate of West Point. It was this fact which made him the logical leader of the company which was formed in 1863, when Major Thompson of Oakland, received the commission to organize a battalion for active service in the war then going on between the north and the south. California being so far away from the scene of the conflict was not directly in volved, but several incidents show the feeling in the community, as for instance, the man who daringly raised the Rebel flag, to have it angrily torn down, and the man himself threatened if he did it again. In the light of this incident it evidently was not difficult to enlist a company of men who were ready to fight for their flag, and a company of dragoons was organized in Centerville known as the "California One Hundred." This is an almost forgotten incident in the history of our community but worthy of remembering

It was quite natural for a West Pointer with the proper training to be the one to head this company, thus it was that Captain Eigenbrodt was called from his farm home near Alvarado, and given command. They trained here then went east where they were incorporated into the Massachusetts Second Cavalry in order to fill out that company's full strength and thus became a part of the regular army of the United States during the civil war period.

It was just about a year later that in an engagement in the Shenandoah Valley, Captain Eigenbrodt was killed, the exact date being second of September, 1864.

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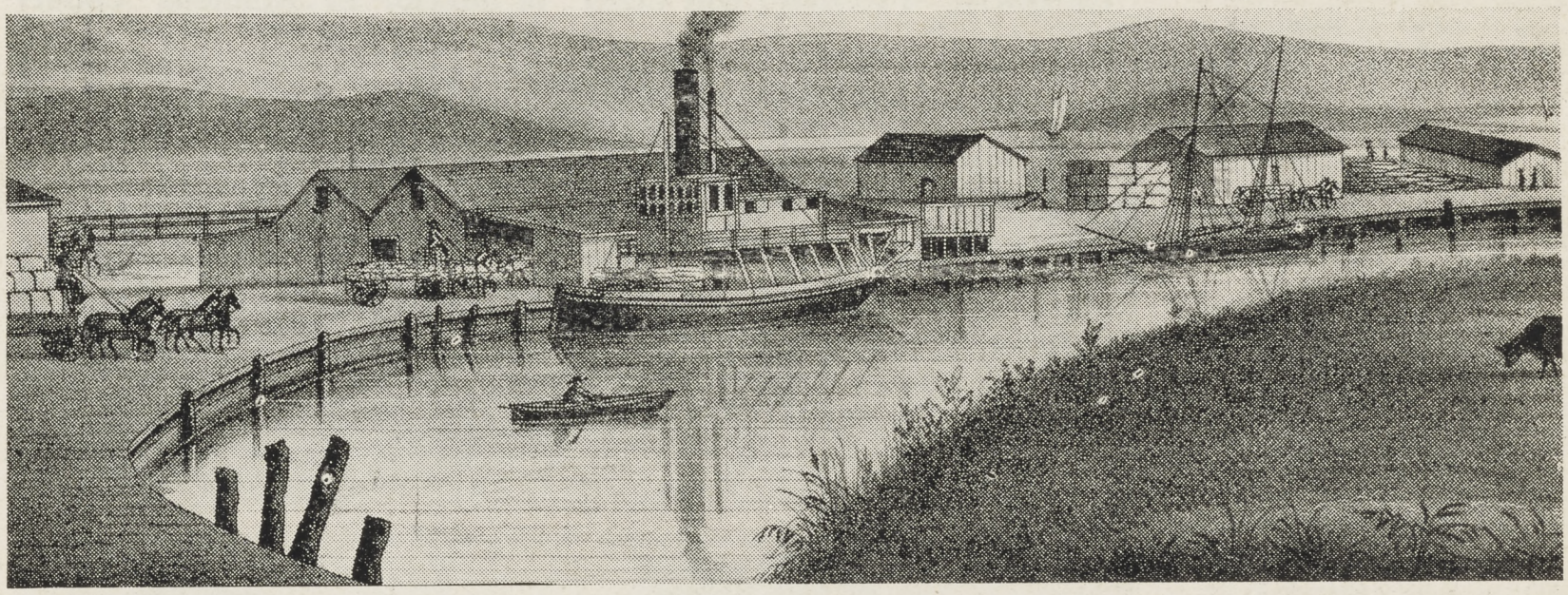

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ALVARADO Named After California Governor

John Horner Built First Warehouse in 1851 in Alvarado

Union City, and New Haven or Alvarado were small villages in the early days upon what was known as the Rancho Portrero da los Cerritos. Of these, Union City was the first to be settled. It was in 1851 that John M. Horner built the first warehouse upon the banks of Alameda creek. Alvarado or New Haven was the outgrowth of a rivalry between Henry C. Smith, and John Horner, but eventually the two places were united under the one name of Alvarado, in honor of Don Juan B. Alvarado, California Governor in 1856.

When Henry C. Smith introduced his bill to create Alameda County in 1853 which received the governor's signature the 6th., of April of that same year, New Haven, or Alvarado, became its county seat. There was quite a struggle in the years that followed before the county seat reached its present beautiful quarters on the borders of Lake Merritt in Oakland.

It was in Alvarado that the first industries developed, aside from the primitive industries of the early Padres at the Mission. There were wagon and carriage shops in those early days, now called "The horse and buggy days." Salt refining proceeded all others, for the primitive Indians procured their salt supply from the marshes surrounding the town at that time.

The first successful beet sugar mill was built in Alvarado in the late sixties and went into operation in 1870. It has been in almost continuous operation ever since and was the first one to succeed in this industry in the United States, all of the others failed after a two year run.

One of the oldest markets in the township is the one organized in 1868 under the name of P. Hellwig & Co., now known as the Hellwig Meat Company, operating several shops in the township, one at Centerville, Alvarado, and owning its own stock yards and slaughter house besides its own cold storage plant. The head of the company, George Hellwig was County Supervisor succeeding Ralph Richmond of Niles.

There is an active Chamber of Commerce in Alvarado, as well as other fraternal societies. Alvarado was also the site of the first bank in the township, this being organized in 1902 with a capital stock of $25,000, and housed in the first bank building of the township. This bank is still in operation although now it is merged with the Central Bank of Oakland. Wm. Katzer is manager.

Crusade Lodge No. 93, I. O. O. F. was the first Odd Fellows' lodge established in the county. It was organized November 26, 1859. In 1864 it erected a fine two-story building.

Today, Alvarado has service stations instead of wagon factories.

Ed Martinez, Shell Oil Station, Manuel Machado Garage, Joe Perez, Mobil Gas, Standard Oil, sold by Manuel Andrade. The Alvarado hotel recently modernized with an investment of over $25,000. Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Parcdes are the owners.

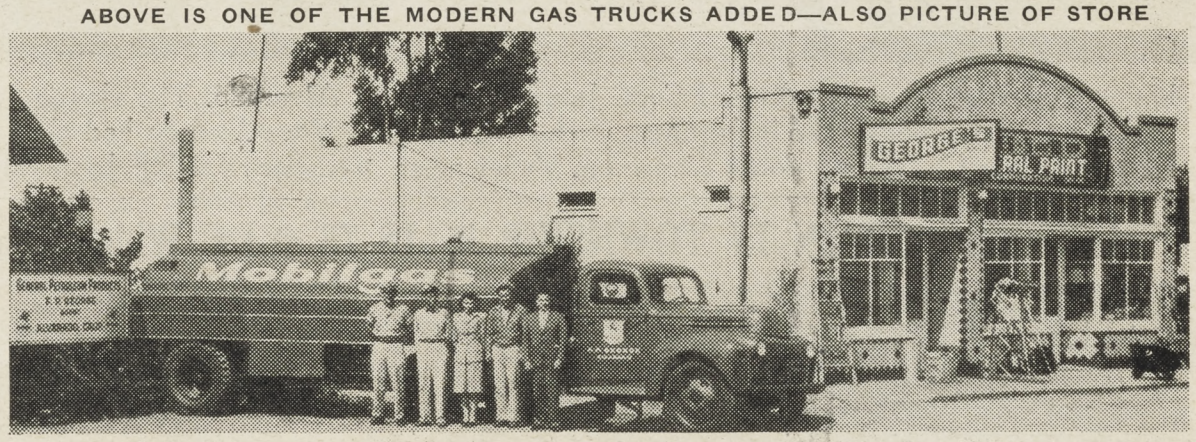
There are two churches, one the Presbyterian church which was first opened in May, 1861 and the present structure erected on the same site in 1902. The other church is the St. Anne's Catholic church erected in 1863 and dedicated by Archbishop Alemany and Father Fredi, who was the first priest to have charge of this parish. It is still in use.

A very fine modern school, a theatre, and ceveral stores, make up the balance of the town's modern business life. It also boasts a weekly newspaper, "The Alvarado Pioneer." a Firehouse and a branch of the County Library, as well as a number of fine homes, and is the distributing point for the General Petroleum Products, under Frank George, from San Leandro city limits to the Santa Clara line.

Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado represents a modern plant with one millian dollar investment.

FRANK P. GEORGE --WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTOR FOR GENERAL PETROLEUM CORP. in Interior of Alameda County

ABOVE IS ONE OF THE MODERN GAS TRUCKS ADDED—ALSO PICTURE OF STORE



JOE PEREZ' Mobilgas Station—Popular in Alvarado

FRANK P. GEORGE ALSO HAS APPLIANCE STORE at Alvarado

Frank P. George is wholesale distributor for General Petroleum Corporation products in Southern Alameda County from San Leandro limits including Warm Springs

He has lately added to his fleet of trucks one of the very latest big tankers shown in the picture above.

His employes are shown also. Miss May Fontes is office manager.

GEORGE'S APPLIANCE is also shown here, where electrical goods, appliances and hardware are to be found.

Alvarado is the distribution point for all gasoline and oils. Also diesel oils, stove oil, etc., are delivered to a great many farmers.

Mr. George resides on the NurseryRd. between Alvarado and Niles

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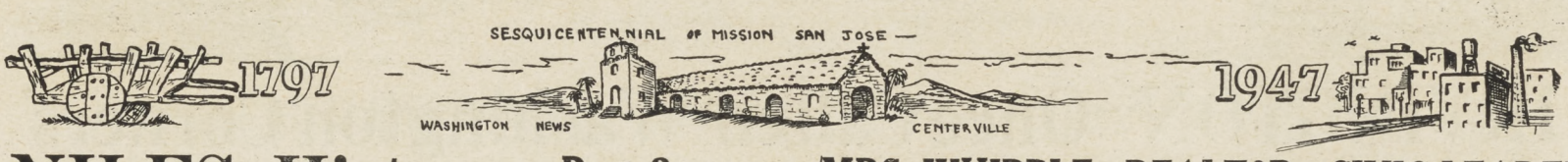

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bank building which is the office of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company for Washington Township. George Donovan was the manager at the time of its building, but when he suddenly passed away on March 15th., 1930 he was nucceeded by A. T. Petsche, who is still in charge of the district and a very able and well-liked man.

The streets of Niles received their first improvement of a permanent nature in the spring of 1930 when they were not only gravelled but the gravel was bound by a good coating of oil. Up to this time it had been mud in winter and dust in summer.

HANSEN LUMBER CO.

Still another handsome modern edifice is the Hansen Lumber Co., building. Land for this site was purchased in 1929 and in 1931 the present building was erected which provides not only office space, but accommodations for various items of hardware required by builders on the first floor, and on the second floor a commodius apartment occupied by George Bonde and his family. At the time of the building, Mr. Bonde was manager of the Niles plant, but upon the death of P. C. Hansen, the founder, he acquired the greater share of the stock of the firm.

STEEL MILL BIG PAYROLL

One of the large industries of the Township is the Pacific States Steel Corporation which came to Niles in 1938. This company employes perhaps the largest group of workmen in the township, and has added a considerable amount of business by its pay roll Marion Newman is executive in charge.

KRAFTTILE POTTERY BIG PLANT

Another industry of importance is the Kraftile Company which has been in operation here for some time and made extensive improvements to their plant in 1931. "Chuck" Kraft is the president and guiding genius.

FROZEN FOOD LOCKERS

A recent industry has come to Niles in the shape of a Frozen Food Locker establishment. The ground for the construction of this plant by the Consolidated Food Locker System of Oakland was broken February first, 1946 and completed and opened by July of the same year. It is being managed by Theodore A. Rein and is quite a business. It is a one story insulated building with space for one thousand lockers. It has a chilling and aging room, and a smoking and curing room is being added.

QUITE A DISASTEROUS FIRE OCCURRED IN NILES ON APRIL 22ND, 1938

Quite a disasterous fire occurred in Niles on April 22nd., 1938. The Niles Congregational church burned and some nearby houses were badly damaged, and with it all of the belongings of the Rev. R. C. Day, the pastor at that time. The church was built in 1911.

The new church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1939, with appropriate ceremony and many visiting churchmen. It also marked the 50th., anniversary of the church organization. The original site had been in what is called Old Town, this was on December 12th, 1889. The articles of incorporation at that time bore the names of Jane R. Clough, Emily P. Mayhew, H. G. Ellsworth, H. C. Shinn and William Snyder as trustees. The present site was purchased in March, 1907 under the pastorate of the late R. V. Jones.

The present building is of Spanish architecture and contains not only the main auditorium, but Sunday School room, Guild room, Kitchen and the Parsonage, and has every convenience. It cost $20,000. A number of memorial gifts were announced, a piano from Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Walpert in memory of their daughter, Jacqueline May; another piano from the Hatch family in memory of "Mother" Hatch, and the organ, gift of the R. C. Day family in memory of the late Lenore Day, and a memorial window for the Rev. Day's parents.

In April of 1938, the air-mail made a sort of special debut in Niles, with a special stamp designed by Mrs. Ethel Grau, who in October of that year had been honored at the Oakland Art Exhibit.

It was in March 1938 that the Berge Mortuary opened their funeral parlors to the public for inspection. The company is made up of Tom Berge from Irvington, and Ben Murphy, formerly of the Murphy and Brisco Store which was one of the oldest in the community at the time of its closing. The building is now the site of the Slettin Apparel Shop.

The 1939 fair on Treasure Island had its repercussions in Niles in several ways. The Golden State Rose grown by the California Nursery was accepted as the exposition rose, while Mr. Roeding entertained in the old Spanish style the American Nurserymen's Association meeting in San Francisco in July of that year.

Kraftile and the Kimber Poultry farm both had exhibits, and F. V. Jones was called "Mayor of Niles" and awarded a medal by the exposition officials on Niles day. About thirty people from Niles attended this ceremony.

The Rotary Club of Niles established in 1937 held their first anniversary dinner on November 10th., 1938 with Dr. T. C. Wilson master of ceremonies. Among other things the Rotary built a model home in 1939.

One of the pet projects of the Niles Chamber of Commerce was, for a number of years, a wild flower show. In 1939 this show attracted a great deal of attention, the Boy and Girl Scouts and others collected some 200 specimens of wild flowers and received great praise for their efforts. The originator of the idea was E Dixon Bristow of the Niles Grammar School.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ford have been generous people and given much to Niles. They not only gave the fine library building, but in 1930 they gave the Boy Scouts a four room house fully equipped as their home, together with $500, to build a tennis court and other play ground equipment.

In 1931 Mr. Ford offered $100,000, toward the establishment of a Junior College in Niles. There was considerable agitation for this school, but it eventually was dropped.

In 1931 also Mr. and Mrs. Ford took a long tour and were gone six months, leaving San Francisco by the steamer Virginia, for New York via the Panama Canal, thence to Naples, Italy, then through the Suez Canal, down the coast of Africa to the diamond mines, Johannesburg and Victoria Falls, and back up the west coast of Africa to France, England, Sweden, Norway and Germany. They were given a welcome home party by the Toyon Branch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thane in July of that year.

At the Chamber of Commerce meeting on May 20th, 1938, F. V. Jones eulogized the late William H. Ford, as a "masterful spirit, a success as a business man, a benefactor to his community and a personal friend to numerous young people of the community whom he had assisted with college expenses."

After considerable manuvering, the space left on the public highway by the rerouting of the state highway passing above Niles instead of through the town, was landscaped and today proves to be a very pleasing approach to the town with its trees and flowers. The move for this was led by George Roeding of the California Nursery, and much of the work was done by this organization.

In 1931 an Auxiliary to the American Legion Post was formed with Mrs. Robert Vieux as president. This is still a flourishing organization with Mrs. Angie Furtado presiding.

Besides the regular Chamber of Commerce, Niles has a Junior Chamber, that is quite active in civic betterment. There are a number of picnic grounds in the Niles Canyon, which has become a famous scenic drive and vacation place for city people. There is also a Justice Court, with Judge Edward Quaresma in charge, with a branch of the Sheriff's office with Henry Vervais, the representative. There are several fine grocery stores, service stations and garages, and a number of good restaurants, a movie theatre, radio and electric stores, a jewelry store, furniture stores, a variety store, a seed and feed store, real estate and insurance, meat market, pool hall, taxi service, machine shop, auto painting shop, shoe store, bakery, cleaning and laundry, besides all those already mentioned. In fact Niles is a live town and has a live Newspaper. The Townsbin Register, which is one of the oldest in the county.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Niles Fire Department was organized around 1905 and the present fire house was erected about 1927. Fine work was done for twenty-five years by Tony Alves as fire chief. In May of 1946, his assistant Clarence Crane was appointed chief. Mr. Alves was specially honored at his retirement.

The Catholic Church in Niles was first established as a Mission, and it was not until 1914 that Rev. John A. Leal was appointed the first pastor by Archbishop Riordan. It was in 1908 that Father Leal had been directed to found the Corpus Christi parish, up to this time the priests from the Mission San Jose Church attended to religious services.

It was on December 29th., 1939 that the Corpus Christi parish celebrated its silver jubilee under the direction of Father Francis F. McCarthy, who is at present finishing a new history of Mission San Jose and the locality. At this jubilee, the Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Mitty named Right Rev. Monseignor Alfred de Sousa to represent him. Father T. A. Hennessy is in charge at present.

Another church in Niles is the Full Gospel Church under the pastorate of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hahn. In October, 1939, this organization took over the old Odd Fellows Hall and remodeled it, making the second floor into an apartment for the pastor and his family, while the first floor was fitted up for religious services.

Niles also has a modern up-to-date cannery, the Shuckle Co., built on the site at one time occupied by the Ames Pump Plant. It is also the distributing center for the Associated Oil Co., in the township. It has an up-to-date sanitary system, water works, and fire department. There is also a modern tile factory, and other industries.,

CALIFORNIA POTTERY CO.

The California Pottery Co., in Niles Canyon, is a pioneer plant and produces much pipe used all over the nation. George Mays is manager, and doing a fine job.

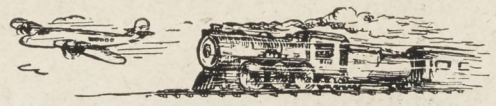
MRS. WHIPPLE--REALTOR--CIVIC LEADER HER FATHER, JOS. THANE, EARLY PIONEER

ST: MARY'S of The Palms

In 1890 a Catholic Seminary for the education of young men desiring to enter the priesthood was built in the Mission grounds. The bricks used were made on the ground Two years later this building was sold with a part of the grounds to the Dominican Sisters, whose mother convent is in San Francisco. The Sisters made it over into the Josephinum Orphanage, but in 1910 it was changed into a private boarding school for girls of moderate income and renamed "St. Mary's of the Palms."

This school is doing fine work and is well patronized.

SESQUICENTENNIAL MISSION SAN JOSE
WASHINGTON NEWS CENTERVILLE



IRVINGTON---Once Called 'Washington Corners'

HISTORY—SKETCH OF PRESENT BUSINESS MEN

Irvington, like so many towns in this region, has changed its name several times. Also like many towns, it grew up where roads crossed. First it was "The Corners" for many years, but as it developed that name was changed to "Washington Corners" and finally to Irvington.

It is the second oldest settlement in the township, due perhaps to its nearness to the old Mission. It was here on the little creek which comes down from the Mission that John Horner, the first American to settle in what is now Alameda County, built his first cabin, which later gave way to a fine two-story home which unfortunately has been destroyed.

Mr. Horner started the industries of the township when he established a blacksmith and wheelright shop at his home. Today Irvington has one of the largest stove manufacturing very plants.

It was on June 24th, 1939 that the old Reed Bros. Manufacturing plant which cost the town some $50,000, was opened for work by the Steiger and Kerr Factory and Stove Foundry $500,000 plant. This firm had been operating in San Francisco since 1869. It was recently reorganized with John H. Stattler, president, Wm. C. Gaffers, vice-president, and George H. Stattler, secretary-treasurer. Work at present in under Harry Jones as manager.

It manufactures the well known "Occidental" gas range among other things, fabricates raw steel and maintains its own enameling and plating plant. During the war with its demand for steel, the plant could not operate, but rented its building to the U. S. Navy for a supply depot. It is only recently that it has again taken up the manufacture of stoves.

"The Independent" was published at Irvington when it was "The Corners", by Albert E. Lyser and W. W. Theobalds in 1874. This was at the time when the town was experiencing something of a boom, due to the establishment of the first Protestant College, in the state, called Washington College, with Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Harmon in charge. This institution graduated a number of notable people, but after a number of changes, closed its doors in 1914.

When the railroad came through then called the Central Pacific, but now the Southern Pacific, in about 1868, the first station agent was Wm. H. Mack, who also was one of the first merchants of the town, and was the first one to build a two-story home. This building still stands on the Main street of Irvington, and houses the County Library Branch, under the care of Miss Elizabeth Lowrie on the first floor, as well as providing an apartment for "Aunt Marth" Mack, very much loved daughter of Wm. H. Mack. Miss Mack is still quite active, and belongs to the group of people who first organized the Masonic orders. The upper floor of this old home has been converted into apartments.

In 1887 an iron flag-pole, 110 feet high was erected and still stands in the little triangular park which was donated to the town by the Walters estate many years ago. The late Mrs. Mary E. Beardsley, who was the third custodian of the County Library branch, which office she held for sixten years, devoted much time and care not only to her library work, but to care of this little park.

The only member of the Walters family, now resident of Irvington, is Mrs. Fannie Cramer, the granddaughter of G. M. Walters. She lives in the house which her grandfather built about 1870. In one corner of the yard her husband, V. M. Cramer, has a modern plumbing establishment.

One of the early beautiful homes of the 1870 period, was that of H. Crowell. This home has been moved back, and faces another street, while on its original site business, structures have been put. One of these is the fine pressed brick building erected by Frank Leal in 1922, called the "Leal Building." The lower floor houses the Irvington Movie Theatre and two shops, one the bakery of Art Hughes, who in 1940 took over the shop which had been established soon after the building was erected. Mr. Hughes came here from Modesto, where he had worked for many years with the San Joaquin Bakery.

Adjoining this building on the east, is the Universal Garage which is in the building erected by Hansen and Leal for a lumber yard, later occupied by the Salz Company as a feed store.

In 1853 the United States postoffice was established with Timothy Rix as the new postmaster. At present, it is in a part of the old Tierney and Weston building, which at one time housed a general merchandise store, first Tierney and Weston, then K. F. Reynolds, and finally the late Henry Weston. Today it is a variety store which was established by Reis, but now owned by H. L. Krueger. Manuel Joseph, the present Irvington postmaster, hopes to move into permanent and modern quarters when the new postoffice building is erected for which O. N. Hirsch has the contract. It will be next door to the present H. & K. Appliance Store where Philco radios and other electric appliances may be bought.

The first public school was established in 1862, a fine new house was erected in 1875, a still newer one on the Main street in 1922, and in 1939 on the same site, the present, quite modern building was erected. It has already proven too small, and government surplus buildings have been obtained to help out the crowded condition, while there is a bond issue of $48,000, coming up to make necessary enlargements. Gus Robertson is the District Superintendent of the school, with a capable corps of teachers, and the first public kindergarten department in the township under RebbaMae Benbow

There are a number of lodges in the town. The Mission Peak Lodge, No. 114, I. O. O. F., which was organized in 1863, was the second lodge to be instituted in the eastern part of Alameda County. There were ten charter members, and the first Noble Grand was Chester Harris. The present is Robert J. Wright, who not only looks after the care of the lodge building, which was erected in 1890, and the Odd Fellows Cenetery, which was dedicated in 1877, and holds the graves of many early pioneers, but handles a large insurance and real estate business. The old cemetery register is a very interesting historical document.

In the Odd Fellows Building at present on the ground floor, is the Irvington Beauty Parlor and Jo's place, while the second floor serves as a meeting place for a number of lodges.

The burning of the big warehouse in 1880 and of Beard's barn in 1881, which destroyed one of the first landmarks of the community, resulted in the beginning of a fire department which was, at first, merely a bucket brigade, that was hardly enough for in 1887, a fire which caught in the printing office swept out nearly the whole business portion of the town.

There have been other fires, but it was not until 1937 that a fire district was organized which held its first drill in December of that year hardly getting acquainted with their new equipment before they were called to extinguish a fire in the barn of Henry Weston on January 27th, 1938. In the election of December 1937, the officers elected were Joe Corey, chief and club president; William Hirsch, Jr., assistant chief, and Al Monese, vice-president.

In 1939 a modern up-to-date fire house costing $7,500 was built and dedicated on October 3rd, of that year. The Firemen's Association is still a volunteer one, but with their fine equipment they have piled up a fine record. The present fire chief is Al Peixotto.

One of the first merchants of the town was W. H. Mack, 1861, who later was the first station agent and the second postmaster. In 1867 Jacob Hirsch opened a store which is today the E. H. Hirsch store and under the management of O. N. Hirsch and his son Allen. It is a general merchandise store and grocery and does a large business.

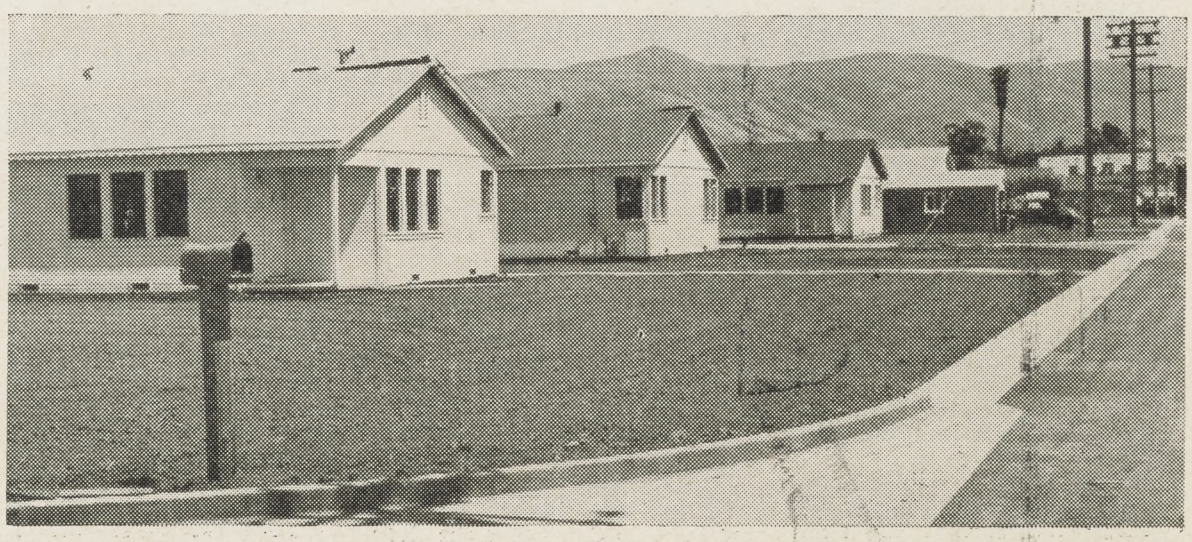
One of the first druggists of Irvington was a Doctor Ford, who was also a dentist. He was, however, such a genial soul every one called him "Pa" Ford. The building which he erected, housing at that time the drug store and other stores is still in use, and houses today the Pond Drug Store as well as Dr. J. H. Durham's dental office, where the good doctor has held forth for some fifty years and is still caring for the teeth of the community.

The earliest doctor seems to have a Dr. McKeane. He was followed by a number of doctors ending that early period with Dr. Nellis. In 1908 Dr. Elmo Grimmer came to assist him and married his daughter Ethel,.

Dr. Grimmer is still in Irvington, although during the war he moved to Niles and took over Dr. Grau's patients in addition to his own. Since Dr. Grau's return he has moved back to Irvington where his office is next door to his home.

The old Clark Hall building which was erected around the seventies, and used for some time as a store below and a theatre above, is now the modernized store of Edward L. Rose, who handles not only various appliances, furniture, hardware and farm implements, but also supplies many people with feed for their chickens and livestock. At present Ed is not only handling business interests, but the Sesqui Queen Contest.

HARRY STEVENSON STARTS IRVINGTON TRACT OF HOMES



ATTRACTIVE HOMES AT A REASONABLE Price are being built at the north entrance to Irvington

CENTERVILLE

CLOVERDALE CREAMERY– Bauhofer, Prop.

ONLY PASTEURIZING PLANT FROM HERE TO OAKLAND

Joseph Bauhofer and sons, William and Joseph Jr., have one of the best equipped creameries in the state, with the only large pasteurizing plant between Oakland and here. The uptodate building and the separate boiler room and storage space housed in a separate building near the main creamery shows that they have planned to give the best service to many Township customers. Their milk routes employ many men and their fine eating place and fountain is a family gathering place.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Bauhofer flew to Switzerland in around 36 hours of airplane time. This pioneer couple are deserving of this treat.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTIVE Thanks to C. Wauhab

MARRIOTT WAS PRESIDENT

Last year the Centerville Chamber of Commerce became active after several years of inactivity, and President Loren Marriott had a great deal to do with creating activities helping the airport get started, boosting the new theater, and trying to widen roads like that one to the airport, and open up new roads necessary to the growth of Centerville. He got the Chamber off to a good start. Marriott is the manager of the Bank of America at Centerville.

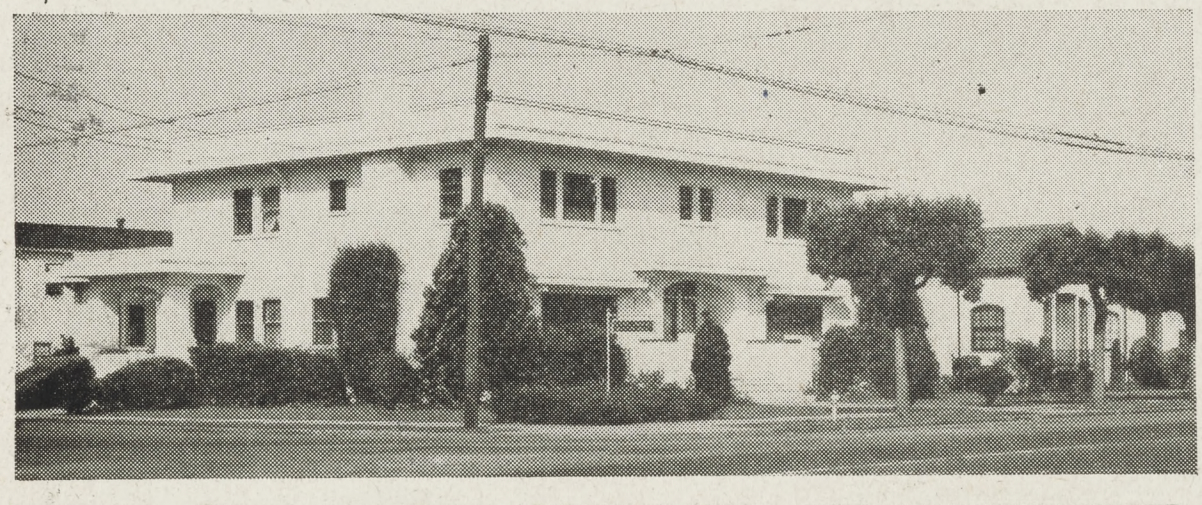
NEW PRESIDENT—WAUHAB

Charles Wauhab, who was born and raised in this Township is the new president recently elected. He is a realtor who knows what improvements the town needs, and plans to boost the town all he can. He has secured many new people to reside here permanently by his selling them homes here.

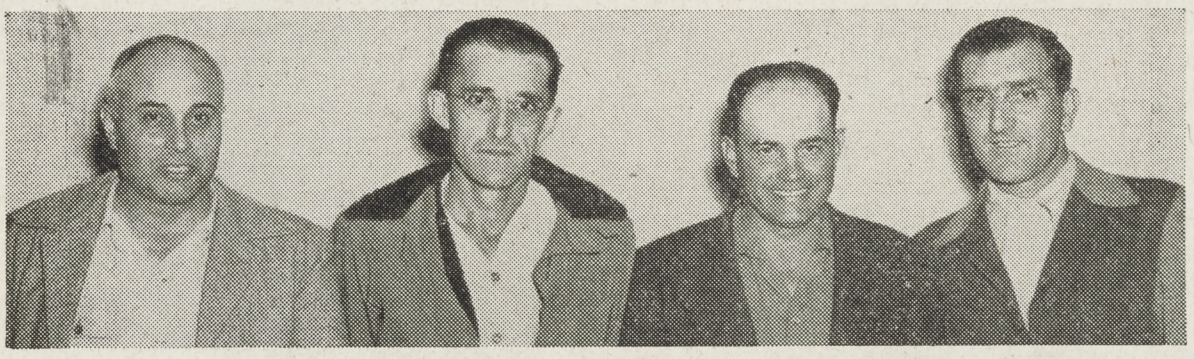
Let us get behind Charlie Wauhab.. We have a great opportunity as this edition points out its central location and great opportunity for growth.

CHARLES WAUHAB

DR. HOLEMAN'S HOME--and Nearby homes



TOWNSHIP SOFTBALL LEAGUE HAS SPLENDID LEADERS



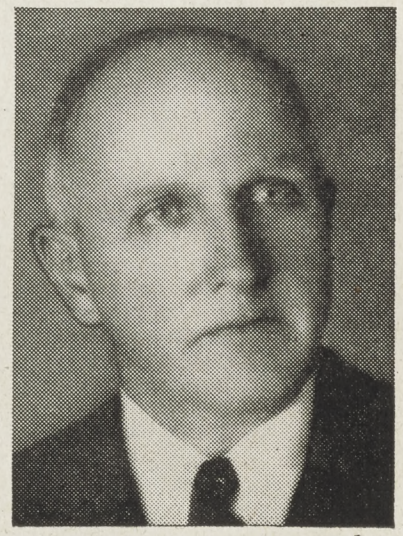
PETE NUNES CARL FRAGUS AL SILVEIRA MANUEL VARGAS

CALIFORNIA INN—Cent erville, Pete&PeggyJohnson

E. B. HODGES IDEAL CITIZEN at Centerville

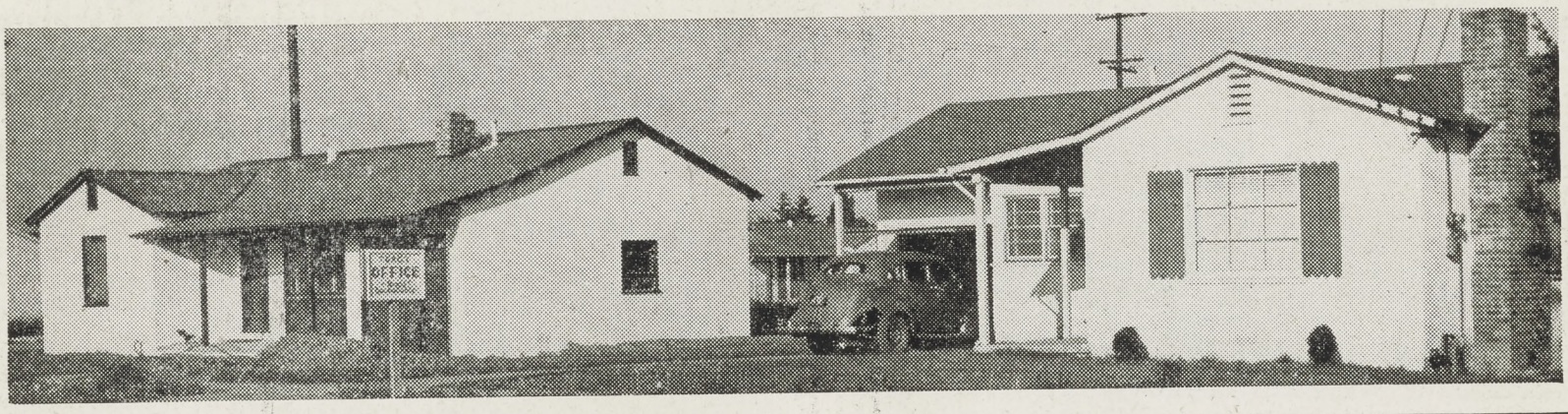
At his age of maturity there are few men that have the ginger and pep and foresight that E.B.Hodges (the real estate and insuranceman) shows every day. When he lost a son in the war, he didn't fold up, nor did his good wife—but kept in "there pitching." Oh yes, incidentally his first love of avocation is a principal—and he loves his job as principal of Mission San Jose School. (One of our ideal citizens)

Chambers of Commerce could use more leaders like him!



E. B. HODGES

Suburban Homes Inc. Building in Hansen Tract



GIs and Civilians Can Buy Centerville Homes

The above picture shows some very attractive homes being constructed on Thornton and Pine Streets in Centerville. Many are sold, as the strong construction and type of homes are attractive.

SUBURBAN HOMES, INC., is doing the building, and at their home office on the tract may be found persons who will gladly take you through the homes on a tour of inspection.

CHARLES WAUHAB, realtor at Centerville, is agent for the homes, and can be contacted at his office next to Centerville P. O.

They selected Centerville because of its fine climate, central location, new theater, airport, fine soil, and high school and fine transportation

Holy Ghost Church

At Centerville

The Holy Ghost Catholic church of Centerville was first built in 1886. It was then the largest church in the township with a seating capacity of one thousand.

Father Governo, formerly of the Mission San Jose was in charge at the time of its building.

This edifice, together with the Rectory, was burned to the ground around 1919, but under the very capable management of Monseignor de Sousa. then Father Souza, the present very fine structure was dedicated on April 10th, 1921. It is a very beautiful church with sixteen stained glass windows, all of them memorials to the memory of some member of the church, eight of them on the main floor are full length, and eight on the gallery floor are half length.

Monseignor de Souza celebrated his fiftieth Jubilee Anniversary as a priest in 1946 and received signal honors at that time.

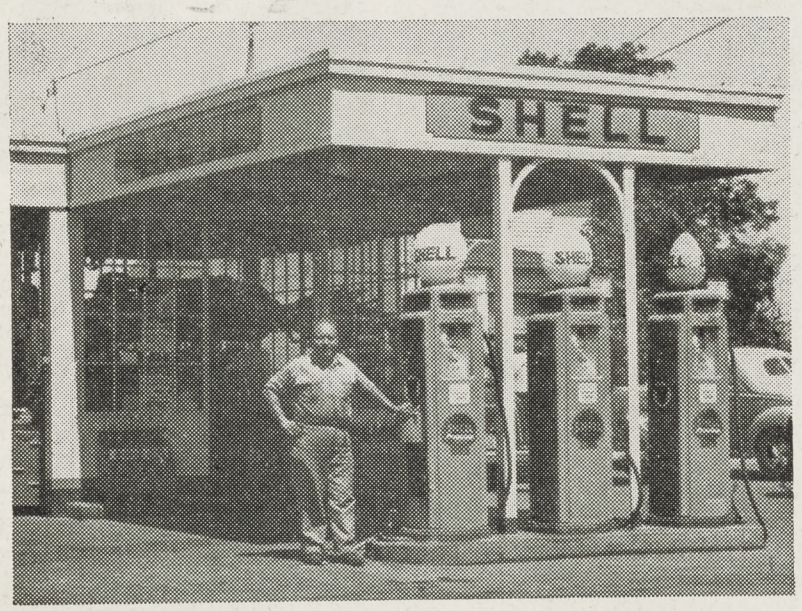
Father O'Kane is administrator of the Holy Ghost Parish.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH, CENTERVILLE

The St. James Episcopal church of Centerville was erected in 1857, and was dedicated or consecrated on September 28th of that year by Bishop Kip. The Rectory was added in 1884. It is Gothic in its interior architecture and has a number of lovely memorial stained-glass windows. Service has been continuous since it was dedicated. One of the recent outstanding Rectors was the Rev. W. J. Attwood, who was very much loved in the community.

HENRY GOMES SHELL SERVICE STATION

Henry Gomes conducts the Shell Service Station on North Main St. in Centerville, and being a Towns hip man he has great many friends



DUTRA BROS.—STANDARD OIL GAS STATION

Ed and Clarence Dutra, born and raised in the Township have a fine business at Thornton and Main in Centerville. They sell Standard

The PENINSULA ENGRAVERS

Wish Every Success to the Mission San Jose Celebration

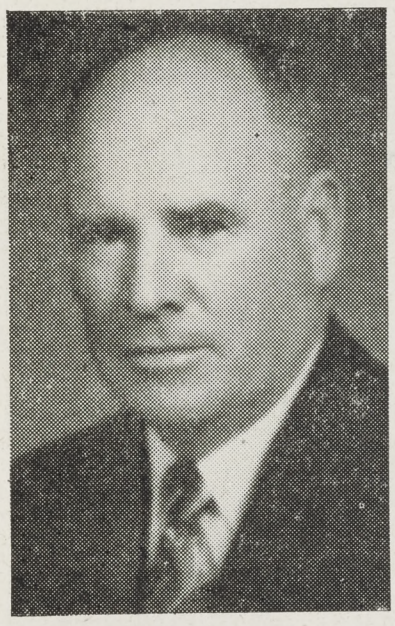
John Kowalski—Prop.

We were pleased to make the cuts used in this book

HANCOCK & CHARTER STS.
REDWOOD CITY, CALIF

CENTERVILLE---Large Vegetable Growing Center

Bailey Ships Vegetables



L. E. BAILEY SHIPS OVER 500 CARLOADS CAULIFLOWER EAST FROM CENTERVILLE

Mr. Bailey has a warehouse and packing shed capacity of 15 carloads daily. Five cars can be spotted and loaded simultaneously.

Before the cauliflower shipping season ends, Lloyd will have passed the 500 carload mark. His shipments of Fava beans have expanded considerably over last year and will approximate 75 cars. These are grown mostly here, but some are hauled in from the coast ranches.

Lloyd's officers and personnel are people one likes to meet. Mr. Wilson, plant foreman and Jack Prouty, Mgr., are human dynamos of energy and endurance. Marcella Bliss, office manager, with the welcoming smile, directs the sales, the routing and shipping with expert skill. And of course one welcomes the opportunity to talk to Lloyd whenever he happens to be in. In brief, Lloyd has a perfect functioning machine.

CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Centerville Presbyterian church was organized in 1813 by Rev. W. W. Brier in the Horner school house. It was the first Presbyterian church in the community.

The brick church which was built in 1855 and dedicated in 1856 was destroyed by the earthquake of 1868, but rebuilt shortly afterward. The Manse was erected in 1877 and later a Sunday School room was added.

VEGETABLES ARE PACKED HERE (in picture alongside)— Near Southern Pacific Depot.

Township Leads The Vegetable Crop of County

Washington Township, which grows the principal amounts of vegetables in Alameda County had a big part in the $9,000,000 vegetable crop.

Alameda county's income as a result of these activities totaled $36,409,500 for the year 1946 according to the annual report filed with the board of supervisors by Gordon B. Laing, agricultural commissioner for the county, and released today.

This information reveals that the people of the county are not all engaged in manufacturing or similar industry states Supervisor George A. Janssen in whose Hayward area district a major portion of the agricultural activities are centered. Heading the parade of big money producers is the floricultural industry that brought in the sum of $9,665,000. This includes sales of cut flowers and nursery stock. The industry leads in various parts of Eden township.

The poultry industry which can call Castro Valley its "capitol" brought in $4,979,000 for fresh eggs, baby chicks and fryers and broilers. Fresh fruits and grapes added $4,508,000 to the county's income. Some 10,000 dairy cows produced butterfat and other subsidies worth $3,734,000.

Within the confines of Alameda county there is still raised some of the finest hay and grain that brought returns in excess of $3,000,000; vegetables that are famous for their high quality and vitamins were worth almost $9,000,000 with the tomatoes bringing in the largest portion of that amount.

The large population of Alameda county depends on what the Alameda county farmer produces. The farmer feeds the public. Yet there are many thousands of people who fail to realize or appreciate the importance of the county's agricultural activities, says Supervisor Janssen.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

L. S. Williams---Grower and Shipper

L. S. WILLIAMS SHIPS VEGETABLES TO EASTERN MARKETS

This season has been one of expansion for Lee Williams and his assistants. He has already moved 350 carloads of Cauliflower, carloads of peas have exceeded last year by substantial margin. The total to reach 50 to 60 before the end of the season. And incidentally carloads of mixed vegetables including Broccoli. About 110 cars of tomatoes are shipped by them.

Twelve cars of produce can be handled daily from this shed. Four cars can be spotted and loaded at one operation. A new high speed refrigerating and icing machine that will ice a car in 10 minutes has been installed.

Lee has a skilled staff assisting him. Vernon Rose, is sales and business manager, Nell Williams, secretary and Mr. Shepherd, plant foreman, supervises the loading and handling of the produce and work of the packing forces. Genial Mr. Alameda, is in charge of field operations. All are thoroughly experienced and capable and have a long time, excellent service record.

Township Veterans Me morial Building at Niles

A BEAUTY SPOT OF NILES

The beautiful Washington Township Memorial Building is truly a touch of genius, with its tiled roof and Spanish architecture so true to the early Mission history type. The picture here shows the beauty of architecture and shrubbery and palms to accentuate its beauty.

Veterans of Foreign War and American Legions and their Auxiliaries meet there.

Niles Furniture Store

One of the prominent stores in the picture of Niles on this page is Niles Furniture Store of Walter Chrysler and Ed Mara.

WILLIAM HELMS Has NILES THEATER

William Helms has long been operating Niles Theater, and his pictures are well known to many Township patrons for their excellennce. Bill sponsored the queen last year in the Apricot Festival.

MACHINE SHOP

Niles Machine Shop has been sold to two young men, one of whom is a Hayward man named Elmer Marks, who is our neighbor. His partner is also an excellent machinist, and they have a splendid opportunity to take over a business of our good friend Kenneth.

RAGGED ROBIN INN

George Bolis always has a good meal at the Ragged Robin, and has a large patronage. He is a former commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Niles.

PEERLESS GRILL

Ted and Angelo have been making friends at Peerless Grill in Niles for 25 years because of their fine service day and night. Try their Sunday dinners at Niles..

AMERICAN GARAGE—NILES

Mr. DiJulio of the American Garage is busy with auto repairing and selling that renowned Mobilgas, distributed by F. P. George.

McDEE'S—JEWELER

McDee (the jeweler) has been very successful with his jewelry store, and has a large line of jewelry and watch, etc. His watch repair specialist is always on the job.

FLORENCE RESTAURANT

Quarteroli's Florence Restaurant has long been enjoyed for fine Italian dinners. It's on Main Street.

MEEKER'S SERVICE STATION

The Texaco station station of Meeker's shows bright in the view.

BERCHEM'S MEAT MARKET

Mr. Berchem and his sons make a strong combination for giving fine meats and fine service. With their own slaughterhouse in Newark handled in the best Government inspected manner, we see reason for quality meats.

TEX GOLDEN EAGLE Station

At Tex's Golden Eagle Service Station, Main Street, Niles, there is one of the friendliest stations.

CRANE'S GARAGE BUSY

Clarence Crane is the efficient fire chief, and agent for DeSoto Automobiles. His Crane's Garage is kept busy, and he is an expert auto mechanic in his own right. His crew is always kept busy.

NILES ELECTRIC

Niles Electric can be recorded as moving across the street about a month ago into their own building, of substantial concrete, and of splendid large size to accommodate a large supply of electrical fixtures and supplies—especially a line of appliances. J. Brahmst and his good wife are very friendly.

He has one of the biggest electrical working crews on contracts all the time, and goes to all sections of the county.

NILES STORES SEEN IN PICTURE—PROGRE SSIVE MERCHANTS

WHITAKERS' PHARMACY

The pioneer drug store conducted by Mr. Whitaker carries on as usual with high class prescription service. Lotions and magazines etc., are in big demand.

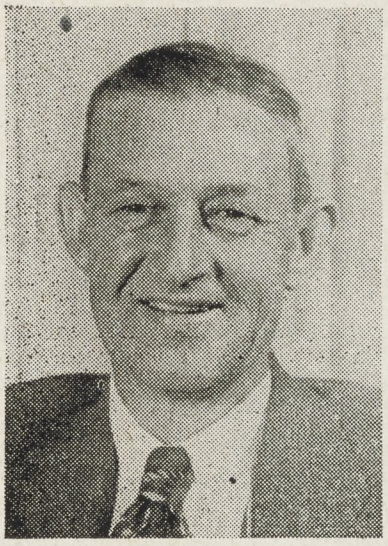
REES' DRUG STORE

Rees' Drug Store and magazine center, is conducted by Mr. Rees, whose pioneer family comes from Livermore. He is progressive and always good natured and helpful.

Cotton Brothers Build Manv Homes in Newark

BUILT COURT OF HOUSES IN NEWARK

Cotton Brothers of Newark are builders of homes, and they have sold them as fast as they are built—and a few shown here in pictures explains their strength and modern features. They have built homes not only in Newark, but other places of the Township. Their Court of homes is shown below, being built at Newark.



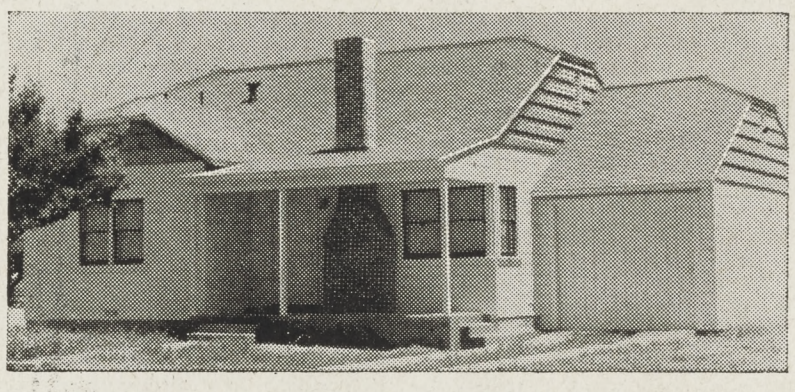
ART COTTON

BROTHERS SEE GREAT FUTURE FOR NEWARK

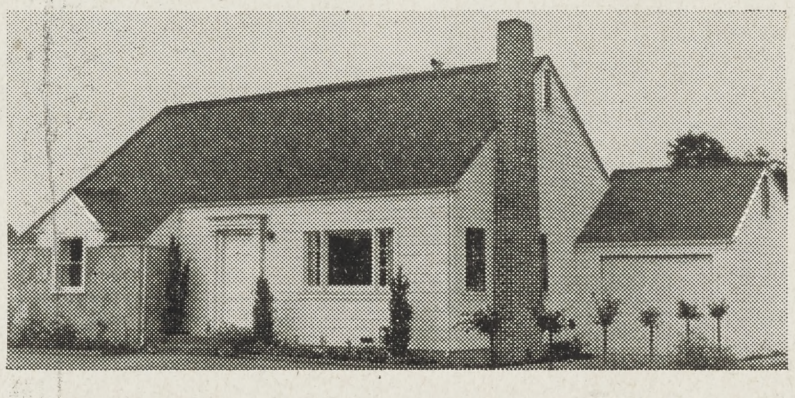
Art and Gordon Cotton make a good team of builders and they have visualized exactly what is needed for a family home, and what would be the right price.

Art takes a lead in planning the actual construction, and Gordon pays particular attention to assembling the materials and arranging many details.

Art Cotton was the pioneer of the firm, and was joined by his brother Gordon a year or so ago —so together they make a team hard to beat.



MODERN HOMES —Pictures Show Them Actually as They Are



GORDON COTTON

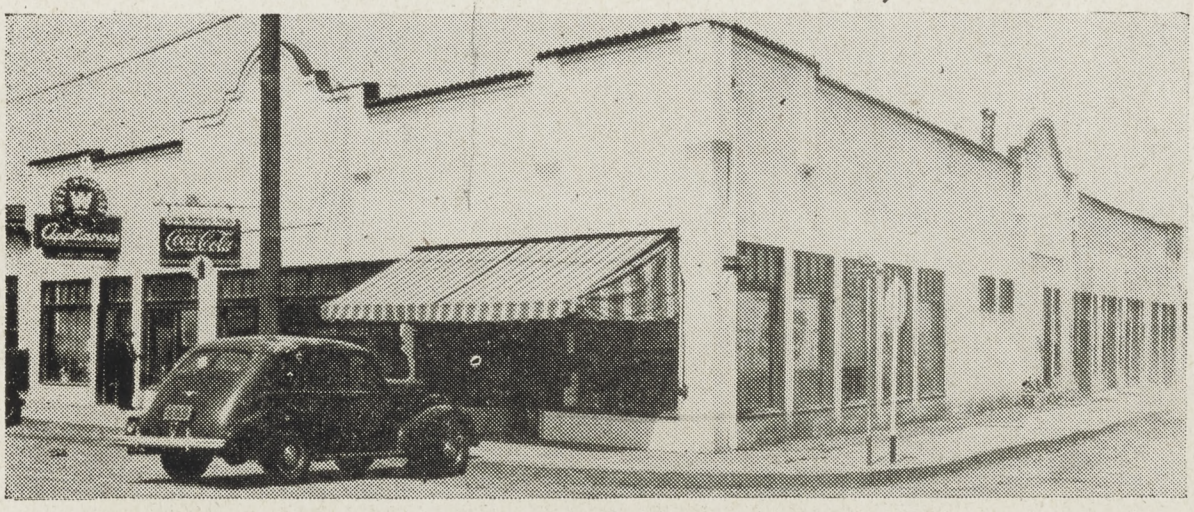
BOOSTS NEWARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Arthur Cotton takes a civic interest in the development of the Township as does his brother Gordon. Right now Art Cotton is president of Newark Chamber of Commerce and the constructive work is bringing results there. A builder can help a lot.

Both men reside in Newark. They are surrounded by their families and in improving conditions for growth, they point to Newark to make a tremendous growth, as it always had the industries—and now it is getting the homes so as to have employes near their work. That contentment helps industry.

COTTON BROTHERS COURT OF HOMES AT NEWARK—NOTE MODERN LOOK TO IT

M. D. SILVA'S GROCERY STORE, Newark



M.D.SILVA—PIONEER Merchant

M. D. SILVA is not only a good pioneer school trustee of around 35 years for Newark School District—but he is a pioneer grocery store man. And he keeps a big stock of goods. He is one of the best liked men in the Township,

WALT AND ED'S FURNITURE

Walt Chrysler and Ed Mara of the Niles Furniture Company visualized the coming industrial greatness of Newark, and started their furniture store this year. It is named Walt and Ed's Furniture Store, and is on one corner of the centrally located Thornbury block.

KREUGER'S VARIETY STORE

is in the same block. Montford Kreuger handles it.

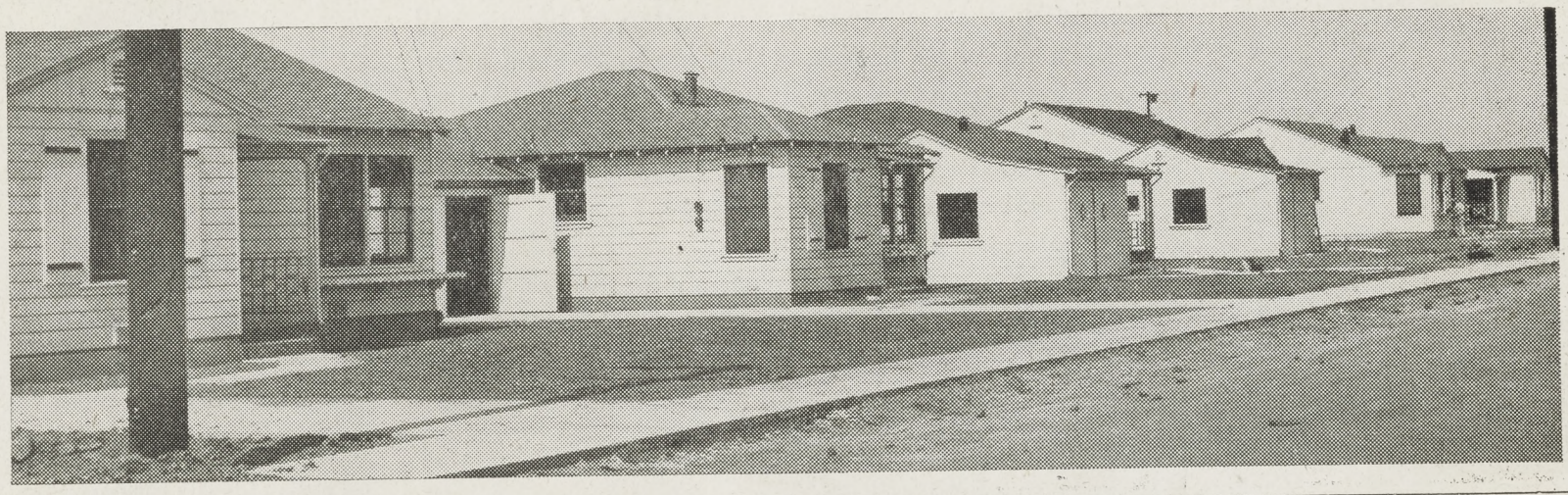
STINHILVER TOOK PICTURES FOR THIS BOOK--FINE WORK

The photos in this book boosting Mission San Jose's 150th Anniversary were taken by Mr. Stinhilver (known as Buster to us.) He did a splendid job. He hired an airplane several times to take aerial views of big industrial plants in Niles and Newark that were so extensive that ground views didn't tell their importance.

His work on this book will put him down as a splendid photographer, and equals the work we have experienced in experts in the big cities. Many times light and distance were trying, and he solved these problems for us. He has a wonderful business in photography of individuals at his studio on Fremont Ave., near the "News" office.

He's a master painter on one shift and a master "photographer" on the other shift. Good luck;

NEWARK--Has Big Home Building Tracts



"Lindsay Gardens" Tract

Homes Open For Inspection At Newark

The first two homes of the 50 under construction at the Lindsay Gardens tract in Newark, are now completed and occupied by Harry Houston and Manuel Mello, reports Manager C. W. Lindsay of the tract. This is fast work by a capable crew, and the materials and workmanship are considered a treat for people to behold.

All are F. H. A. financed, with prices $7975 for houses with 2-bedrooms, and $8450 for the ones with three bedrooms. The streets are paved, sidewalks are provided. Mr. Lindsay says Grade A construction warrants inspection by our township people. One home especially was open for inspection on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. The furniture was furnished by Walt and Ed's Furniture Store, and the stove by Sears and Houston.

Twenty-three homes were sold in the tract before even one home was started—which shows what confidence the people have in Lindsay-Built Homes. The Claude T. Lindsay Co., owners of the tract, also own the New Colma Lumber Co., plant at Decoto.

ST. EDWARD'S Church

Rev. McLaughlin is pastor of the St. Edwards Catholic Church at Newark. He has done a splendid work. He also serves the St. Ann's Church at Alvarado.

The congregations at both of the churches are very large ones.

PRESBYTERIAN Church

A very live-wire Presbyterian Church at Newark has had a very appreciative congregation for a long time at Newark.

The pastor from Newark has also served the Alvarado Presbyterian Church.

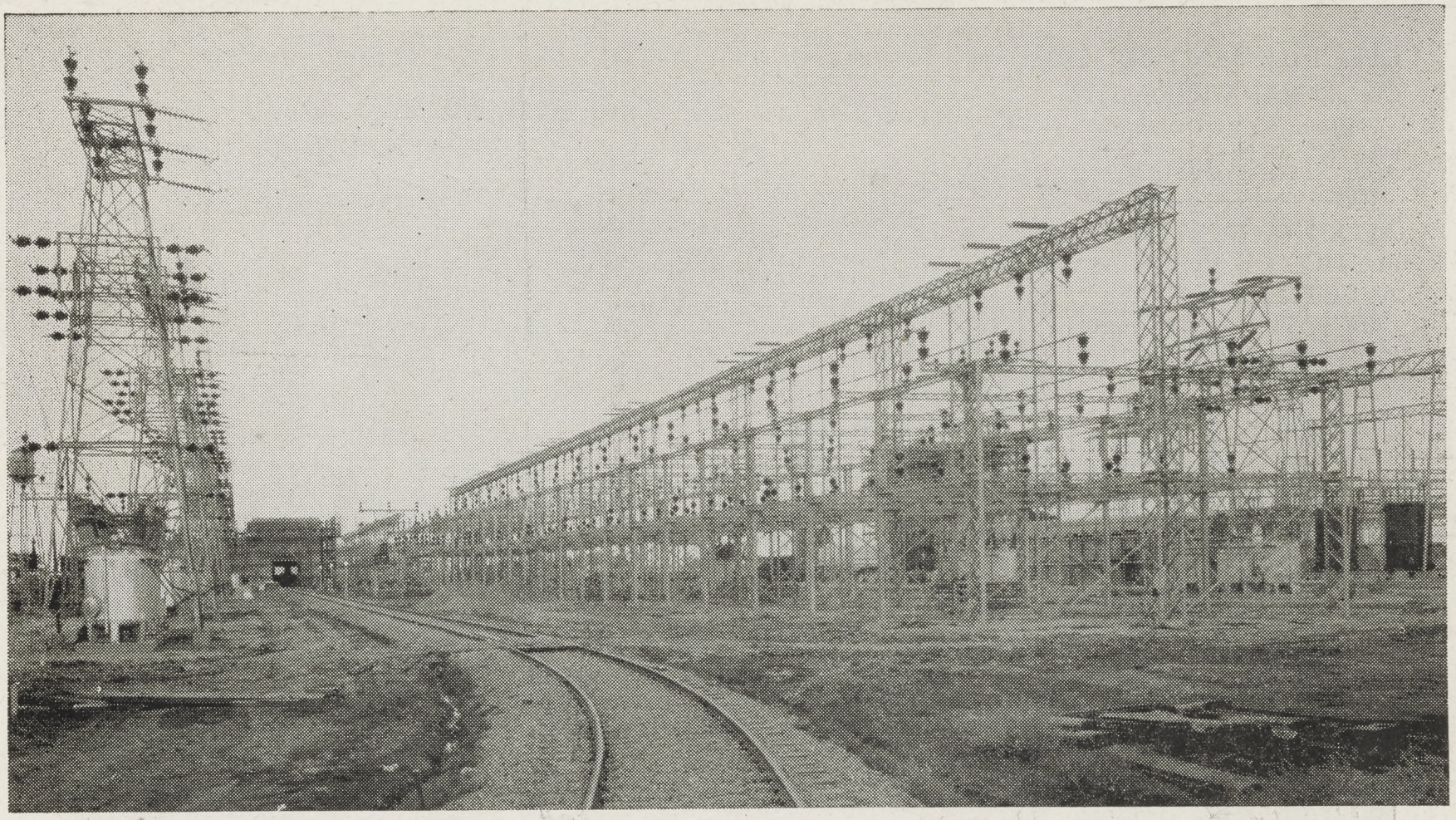
NEWARK FIRE DEPARTMENT Building

THIS IS A MODERN FIREHOUSE —WITH CHIEF JOE PASHOTE (ON DUTY THERE)

NEWARK SCHOOL to be replaced by new one The growth of the Newark area demands it

JACK MacGREGOR IS PRINCIPAL—TRUSTEES ARE: F. A. MULLER, S. G. SCOTT AND M. D. SILVA

NEWARK
Nucleus of Bay Area Power Distribution



This 110 kv. bus structure at New ark Substation supports incoming lines from power stations, and out going lines to distribution centers in Bay Area communi ties. Power is "stepped down" fr om 220 kv. to 110 kv.

Newark Substation, nerve center of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's power system and one of the largest transmission stations in the world, is the key power source for industrial, commercial, agricultural and domestic use in the San Francisco Bay area and Coastal area far south as Salinas.

Twenty-six transmission lines, carrying up to 220,000 volts, bring over half a million horsepower of electricity to Newark, combining the generation of more than a score of P. G. and E's hydroelectric powerhouses in the Sierra Nevada and steam-electric plants in the Bay area.

The operation at Newark steps down the voltage of the power it receives, and relays it to the distribution network which serves one of the most highly electrical areas in the nation.

At the turn of the century, when electricity was first brought to San Francisco from historic Electra Powerhouse on the Mokelumne River, the old Mission San Jose Substation was the switching point. The original redbrick building which house the Mission Substation still stands at the junction of the Oakland-Mission and Livermore-Mission highways. The aged structure bears evidence of its reconstruction after the damage it suffered in the 1906 earthquake.

Generation and transmission of power grew rapidly with the development of Northern and Central tral California, and the Mission station soon became inadequate to handle the flow of electricity serving San Francisco, Oakland and environs. In 1919 Newark substation, a tiny unit compared with its present day enormity, was put into operation. Its capacity today is several thousand times greater than its original capacity, and the facilities are spread over a 70-acre tract.

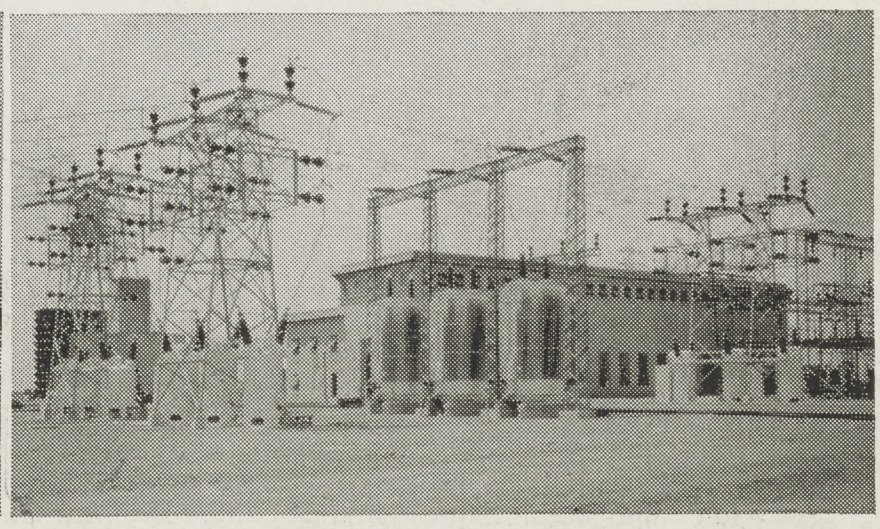
P. G. and E's property at Newark is a small community in itself. The Company has provided its employees a model residential area containing 17 cottages and other facilities including a popular clubhouse which frequently is used as a gathering place for the general public of the district. Company personnel take an active part in community affairs outside the station and many of them have contributed materially over the years to civic betterment.

The career of Harry W. Weber, well-known general foreman of Newark and a dozen other substations in the surrounding area. parallels the growth of the station. Old-timers in the area recall Weber, as a barefoot boy hanging around the old Mission plant, told the operators that when he grew up he was going to run that substation. His ambition was realized, later on became foreman of the Newark plant.

Another familiar old-timer at Newark is Frank Katzer who has been on the job as an operator since the switch was thrown in1919.

Paul Hunt, as plant foreman, took over Weber's original duties a few years ago when Weber was advanced to general foreman.

MAIN BUILDING at Newark Substation, containing switchboard, four large condensers and the 11 kv. bus structure



PART OF 110 KV. BUS STRUCTURE showing reactors (center) between bus sections, used to suppress rush of high currents.

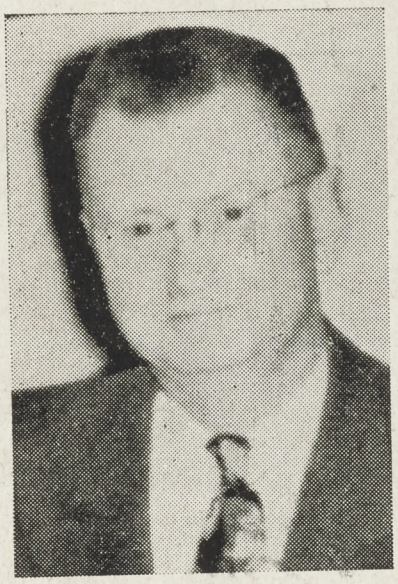
Centerville Greets Mission San Jose Anniversary

OFFICIALS SEND LUCK On 150th ANNIVERSARY

Wherever we have interviewed public officials like Justices of the Peace and presidents of Chambers of Commerce or the Improvement Clubs in the Township—they all send best wishes for Mission San Jose's 150th Anniversary, May 30, 31, June 1. The Supervisors especially send greetings to the Mission

ALLEN G. NORRIS JUSTICE OF PEACE At CENTERVILLE

The affection and high regard in which Judge Allen G. Norris is held is something to be proud of.

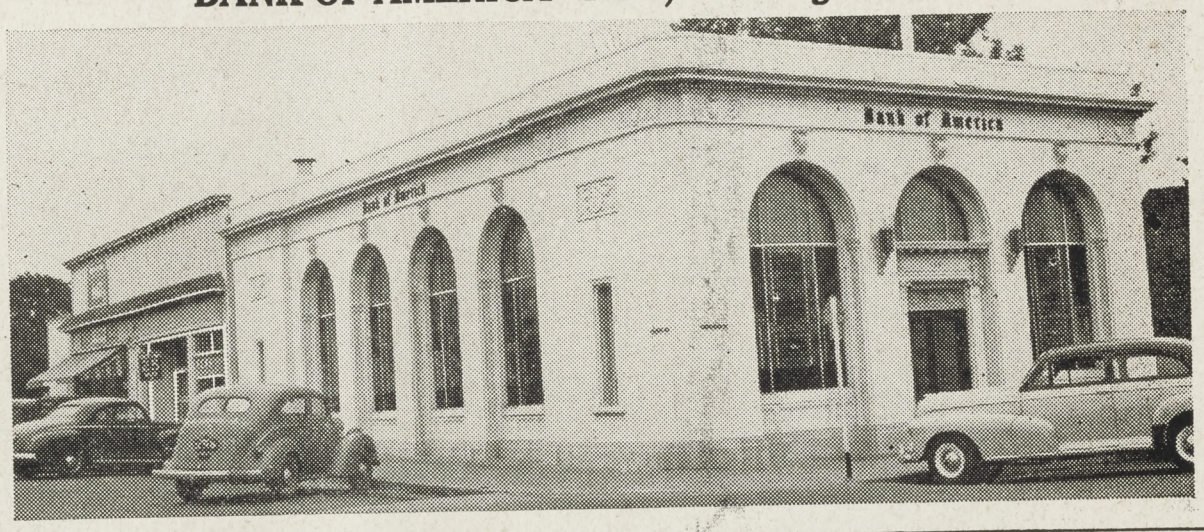


Really, the local judge has given a square deal to all at the justice court, and has the friendship of every man, woman and child in this section.

He is associated in business of his law practice with LeRoy Broun who returned from the service.

Allen wedded a member of another pioneer family—Miss Logan. They have a boy and a girl.

BANK OF AMERICA--Next, WashingtonNews



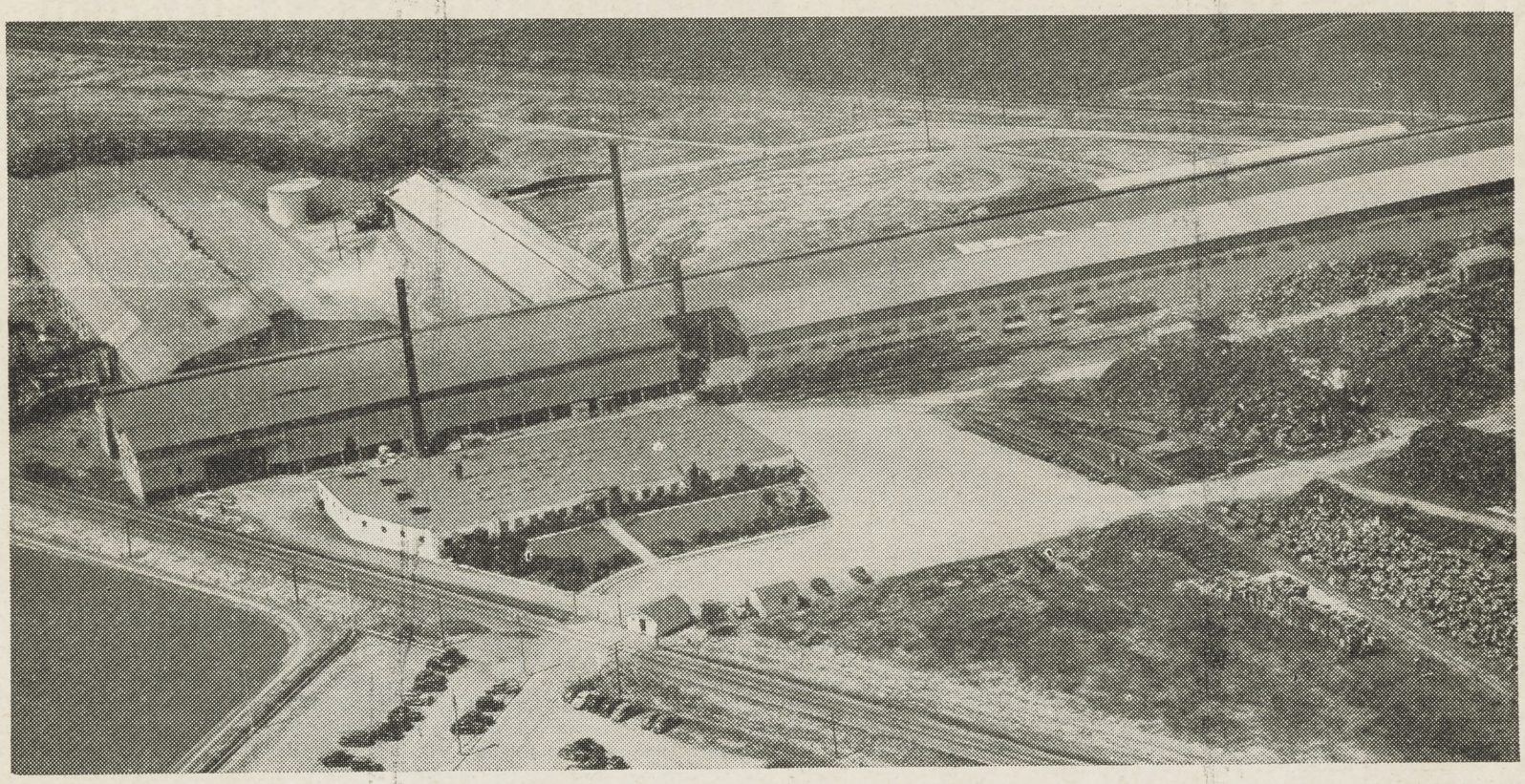
UNION OIL CO. PLANT AT CENTERVILLE

The Union Oil Company distribution plant is on Baine Avenue near Booth Cannery in Centerville. Frank Gould is representative. Frank lives near Irvington.

SANTOS BROTHERS GARAGE---Dealers in Chrysler and Plymouth Automobiles

John and Joseph Santos conduct Santos Brothers Garage on North Main Street, Centerville. They are dealers in Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles. Their high class auto repairing keeps a crew of mechanics busy all the time.

Pacific States Steel Corp. Plant --- Near Niles



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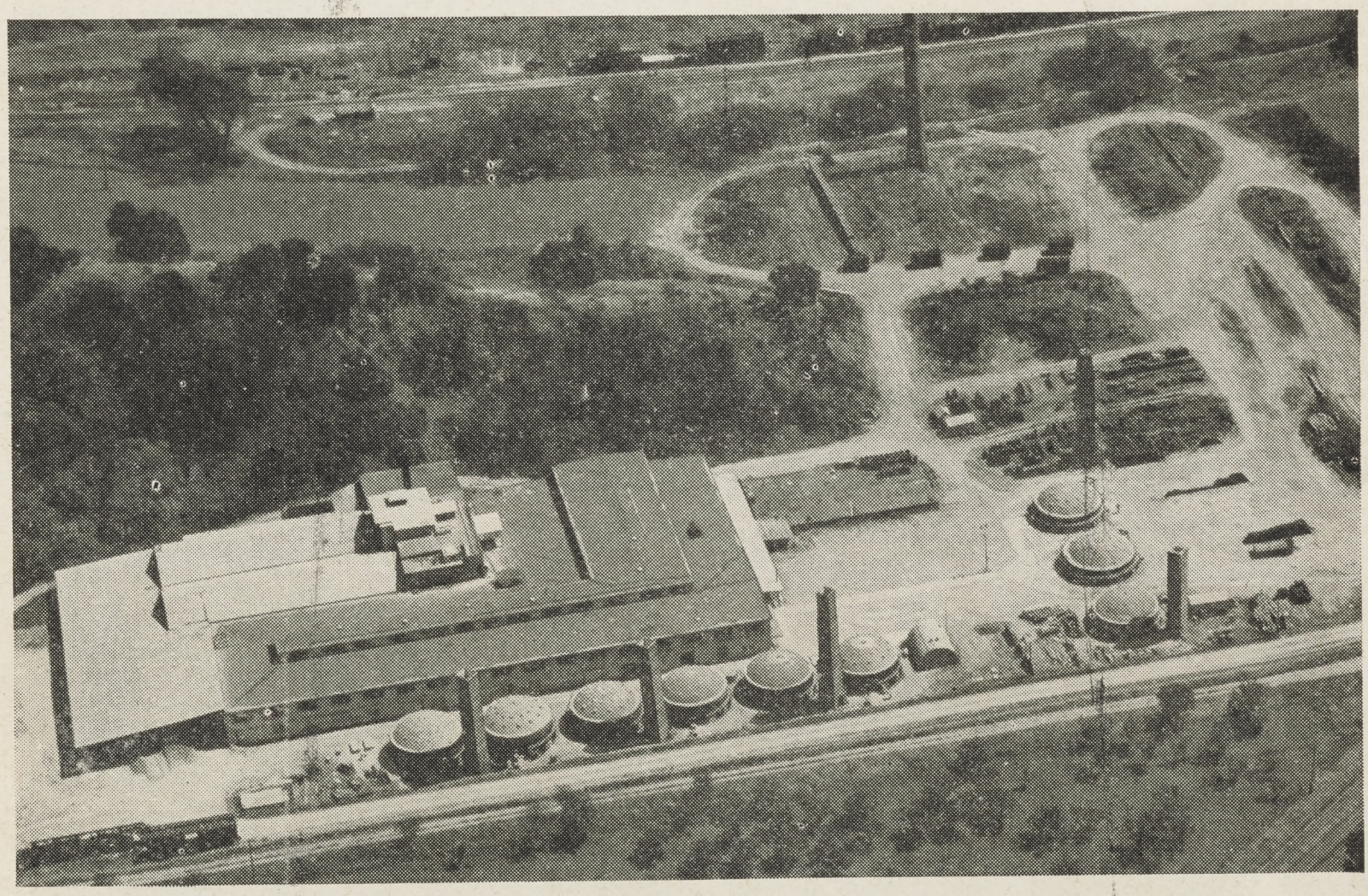
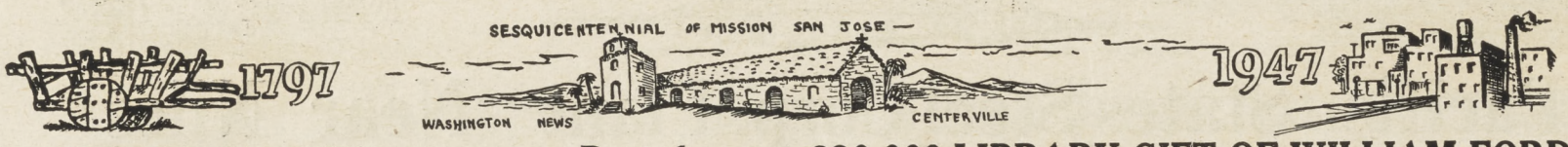


California Pottery Company in Niles Canyon, established in 1873, produces 1,000 carloads of vitrified clay products annually. The L. K. Peterson Estate conducts the business, under the experienced managemnt of George Mays of Hayward. They held put Niles on the map. Great amounts of pipe made here are sold all over the state



NILES History---Part 1---

INDUSTRIES AND CITY GROUPS

Niles might be said to have been established in 1841 when Don J. J. Vallejo brother of General Vallejo built an adobe flouring mill on the bank of Alameda Creek, a later mill was erected and this mill became quite famous, the little settlement around it being known for many years as Vallejo's Mills.

The coming of the American settlers was around 1850 and with their advent various industries arose. Perhaps one of the first was the nursery business which was started in 1868 by B. D. T. Clough, father of Mrs. Helen Ford. A few years later James Shinn started a nursey near by and in 1884 the California nursery was organized by John Rock, an industry that has grown until it is one of the largest in the state.

Another industry was the utilization of the gravel in Alameda Creek. Whatever is taken out during the summer is usually replaced during the winter rains. It was gravel from Niles that went into the building of the Greek Theatre on the University of California campus. This is today the Pacific Coast Aggregates Company which does a large amount of business during the year.

Niles also had one of the earliest newspapers, it was in 1897 that the Niles Herald appeared. After passing through several hands it was finally consolidated with the "Washington Press" then published in Irvington by E. B. Thompson.

The first post office was established in 1873 with Wm. Snyder as postmaster. Today the post office is housed in a modern structure erected in 1931 by the late Judge Silva, and the present post master is Ed. Enos.

The first drug store was opened in Niles by L. H. Cutler in 1891. There are two drug stores now in the town. In 1933 David R. Rees came to Niles and is now one of the oldest pharmacists in the state. The other is known as Whitaker's Pharmacy.

Niles is admirably situated at the junction of two main lines of the Southern Pacific Railroad as well as being extensively served by the Western Pacific Railroad.

RAILROAD CAME IN 1868

It was with the coming of the Central Pacific railroad that the little town's name was changed to Niles in honor of one of the officials of the road. This was in 1868, and it was a great day when the first passenger train came through the canyon to Niles. But in 1941 that passenger train which had served the community so well for many years was discarded because the motor bus and automobile had made it no longer profitable.

The Western Pacific which came through Niles Canyon in 1929 had quite some difficulty, not only with getting its rights of way, and the joint use of the Dumbarton bridge to San Francisco, but with its tunnels in the canyon. The Western Pacific station and freight yards are at some distance from Niles proper.

Another event of importance to this whole esatbay region was the coming of the Sunnyvale Air base. In this work, Mrs. James R. Whipple of Niles was a leading figure, and promoter. This project was approved by the Niles Chamber of Commerce in 1929.

FIRST MOVIE IN NILES

Before this however, in 1908, long before Hollywood was even dreamed of, the moving picture industry started in the barn of Joe Oliver with the large copital, donated by the Niles citizens of $100. The pictures made were of the wild west type and instantly met with success. It was not long before a million dollar business was built from that first $100.

It was here that Charlie Chaplin, Ben Turpin, and Bronco Billy won fame, as well as many others. The Essanay Company was formed and a real studio was built and the industry flourished. In 1913, however, the attempt to make other than the wild west movies fell rather flat, and the company met with reverses, eventually they abandoned the studio, and in 1924 it was sold for taxes. It took seven years to clear the title, and shortly after that was done the old Essanay Studio was torn down to make way for the present Union Oil Service Station and an apartment court which was built in 1939. The effort which was made to revive the industry in 1930 failed.

The old corner once occupied by Mrs. Babb's Store, later by a Saloon was bought by E. A. Ellsworth in 1925 or 26 for the fine modern structure which was erected there in 1927 at a cost of $35,000. It is a two-story brick building, and it houses the Red & White Grocery store, Mr. Ellsworth's office and the Water Office on the ground gloor, while on the second floor are apartments and the dental office of Dr. T. C. Wilson and the law office of Edward Quaresma.

NOTABLE VETERAN'S BUILDING

Another important event in the history of Niles was the building of the Veterans' Memorial, the fourth one to be erected in the county, which was due, perhaps, to the efforts of Ralph Richmond who was supervisor at that time. The site for this building was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn. It was at that time a pear orchard, and work was not begun until after the pears were gathered that year.

In July 1929 the contract was let for a 46 by 62 foot building. It was dedicated on May 30th., 1930 with due formalities and considerable ceremony. It is of Spanish type architecture, built of tile or brick, with red tile roof, made by the Dickey Tile Co. It has an auditorium seating of 500 people, a fine stage, dressing rooms, club rooms, and a kitchen. It is a very attractive building, costing $60,000.

$30,000 LIBRARY GIFT OF WILLIAM FORD FORD STARTED SAND AND GRAVEL FIRM

$30,000 LIBRARY GIFT OF WILLIAMS FORD

A building of great value to the community was the Memorial Library which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ford in honor of Mrs. Ford's mother, Mrs. Jane Clough. It is the only library building in the Township, and is a very handsome structure costing $30,000. It was dedicated with Masonic ceremonies on January 14th., 1928. and is now a part of the County Library system and belongs to the County by gift deed from the Fords.

Mrs. Jane Clough came as a bride to California from her New York home February 23rd., 1868. She was a leader in all movements looking toward the betterment of the community, and was one of the persons who organized the Niles library association, and helped it to grow. She died in December 1918. Her name is listed as one of the Board of Trustees for the Niles Congregational church when it was formed.

BANK BUILDING IN 1930

On the corner of Main and I streets is another fine building, the home of the Niles Branch of the Central Bank of Oakland. This handsome building was eretced in 1930 at the cost of $40,000. It is a one story brick structure with a red tile roof, and was formally opened for business on September 23rd, 1930. At that time it was the Niles Branch of the Bank of Alameda County and its officers were August May, president; J. R. Blacow, vice-president and secretary; R. A. Blacow, cashier; C. M. Christensen, assistant cashier, with H. H. Patterson, F. B. Granger, E. H. Hirsch, J. A. Silva, A. A. Oliver, J. R. Blacow and August May, its Board of Directors.

It was in January of 1938 that the Central Bank of Oakland acquired the stock of the Alameda County Bank, and all three branches of that institution became branches of the Central Bank, with much the same officers. It's value at that time was estimated to be $3,000,000.

August May has passed on, as well as some of the directors, but his shrewd and conservative policies still prevail, and R. A. Blacow is the present manager of the Niles Branch, which handles a large volume of business in the course of the year.

Next to this bank building is the modern fire-proof structure erected at the same time as the

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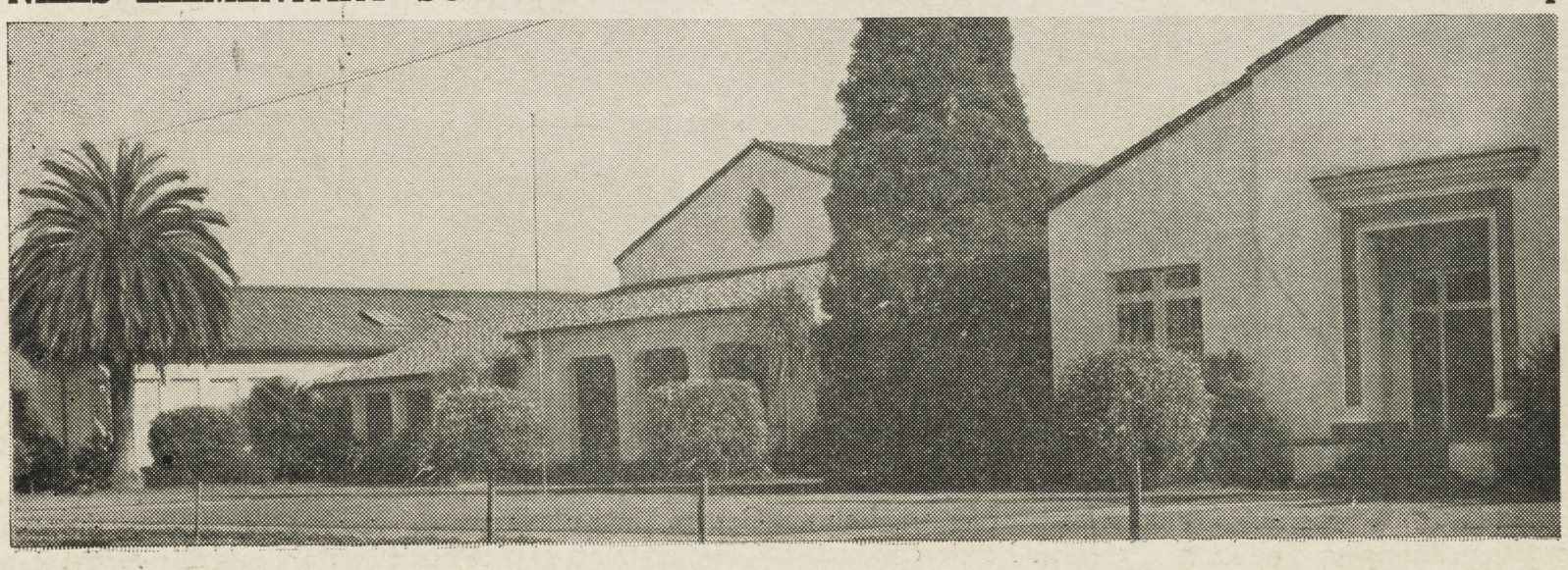


ALVARADO --- Was First County Seat

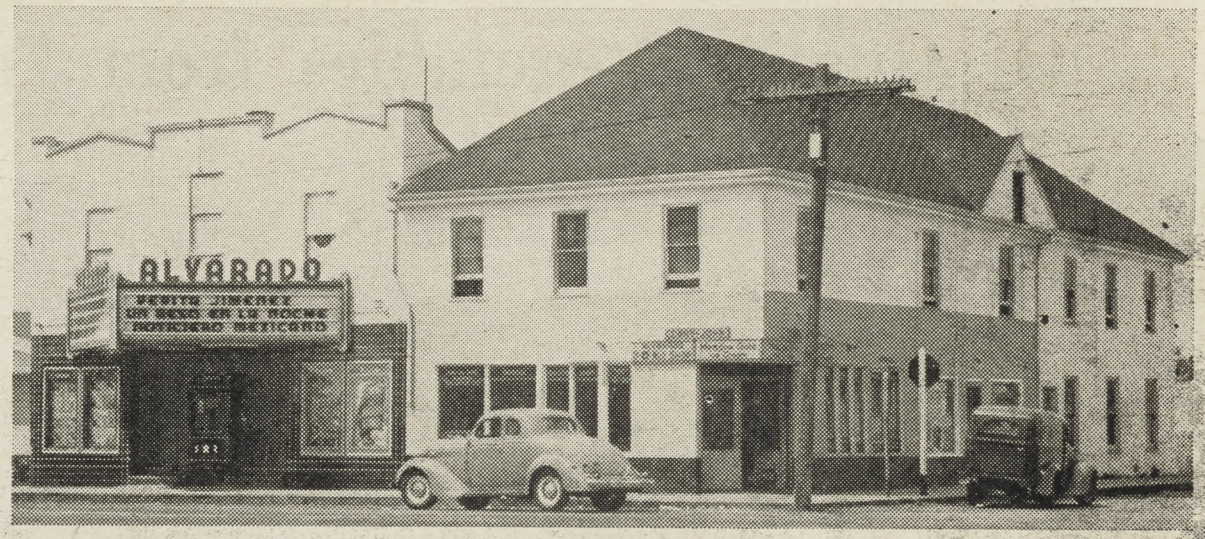
IMPORTANT PLACE IN 1853 WAS ALVARADO

When Alameda County became a county by itself in 1853 by Act of the State Legislature Alvarado was chosen as its first county seat. This shows how important it was at that time in the eyes of the politicians of the county.

CHAMBER- COMMERCE HAS GOOD LEADER IN JOSEPH LEWIS

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has had Jos. E. Lewis as president for two years, and he has had splendid activity and promoted things for the betterment of the town and valley. His initiative started a float to be entered in the coming Mission parade. Wm. Katzer is secretary.

In the meetings held at Eagles Hall, many movies and interesting speakers have brought out large numbers of members. Mrs. Joseph Lewis has served on the refreshment committee, doing a good job.



EDW. NAHARRO OWNS THEATER- LARGE BUSINESS BLOCK

FRANK GUITIERREZ OWNS ALVARADO DOUGHNUT SHOP

Frank Giutierrez has purchased the business of the Alvarado Doughnut Shop. The fountain and lunches are well patronized. Frank is a well known Alvarado man.

MIKE SALIDO'S "PLACE"

Mike Salido conducts MIKE'S PLACE on V Street entrance of the Alvarado Theater building property, next to the doughnut shop. Many patrons enjoy liquid refreshments and a genial host.

ED NAHARRO OWNS BIG ALVARADO BUSINESS BLOCK

Edward Naharro has proven a very successful business man. He not only owns the Alvarado Theater, but the whole corner business block occupied by the Doughnut Shop, Mike's Place and the Alvarado Theate. In addition to that he owns another business section on Levee Street, the business place of GallitoCafe and Half WayHouse

Edward Naharro has a baseball team named the Alvarado Theater team, which plays Sundays at the High School grounds at Centerville. It is managed by his brother-in-law, Joe Sanchez.

The movie house not only shows the latest pictures, but has modern equipment, nice easy chairs, and the best of accommodations.

ALVARADO FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING BUILT LATELY

ANTHONY VARGAS is fire chief and the department is efficient, and firehouse built few years ago

MANCHADO'S GARAGE BUSY AT ALVARADO

One of the best equipped garages is Manuel Mancho's Garage at Alvarado.

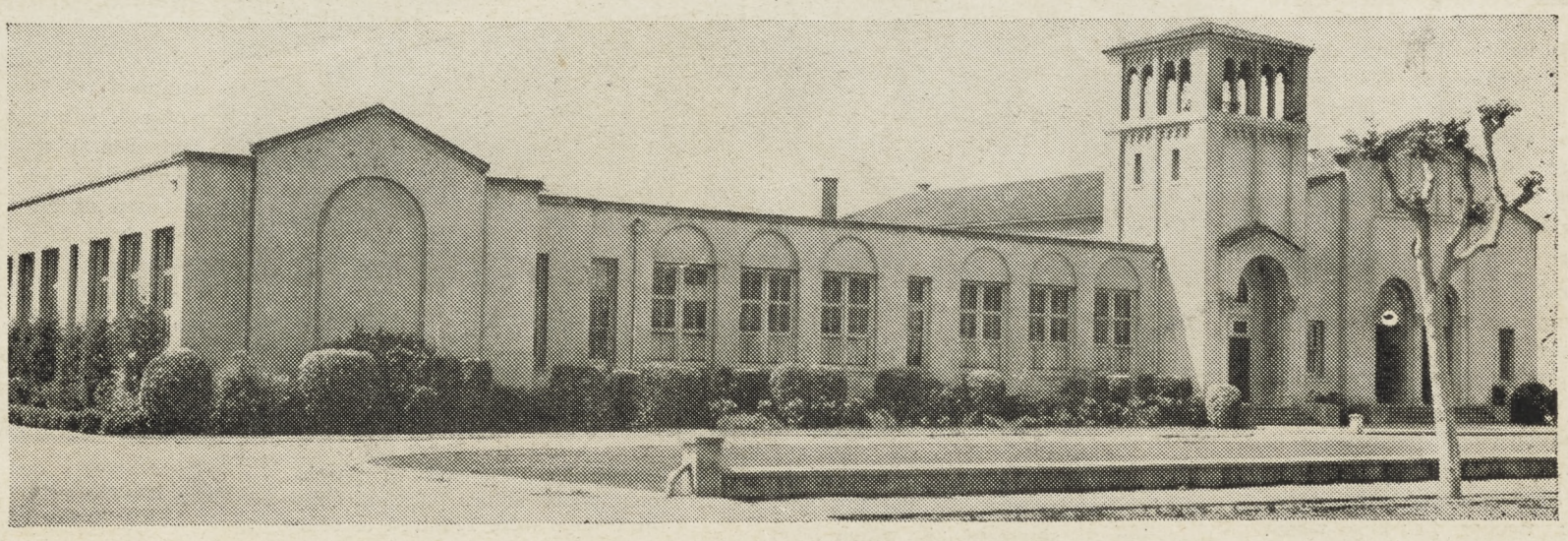
TANAY CAFE next door is a fine eating place handled by Frank Sacramento.

ALVARADO SCHOOL IS VERY MODERN

The first school in Alvarado, which was the first county seat of Alameda County, was a private one. It was established in 1853, but was soon made over into a public school. The present modern school building was erected in 1924.

The District Superintendent is Leslie Maffey, and the Trustees are Manuel Goularte, clerk, George Hocking, president, and Wilbert Hendricks.

The school is quite active in many ways. In athletics they have won a number of trophys.



W. B. WILLIAMS — Grower and Shipper Of Quality Vegetables from Irvington

Celery Harvest at Irvington Shipped to Eastern Markets by Fast Refrigerator Cars

W. Burdette Williams grows quality vegetables in Washington Township, shipping many car loads of celery, tomatoes, broccoli, and cauliflower annually to Eastern markets from his large packinghouse at Irvington on the Southern Pacific railroad.

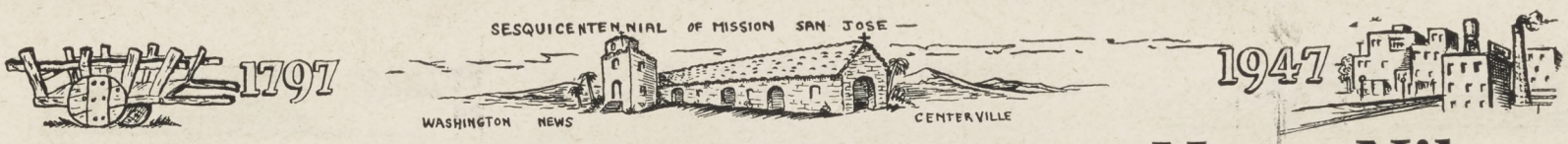
Several greenhouses are used to produce young celery plants during winter months for spring field planting requiring specialized care.

Mr. Williams has an efficient organization employing from 60 to 100 workers the year around, required to carry on the many tasks of the twelve farms which he operates under the expert supervision of Mr. Donald F. Shanks.

The adjoining photos show celery harvest and packing during a shipment in which 5000 crates of celery were harvested and brought to the packing house where each stalk was washed and individually wrapped in parchment paper before packing. Only three days were required to complete this large shipment equivalent to 11 car loads which was consigned to our Army and Navy Forces in the South Pacific.

Modern Office

In the modern equipped office, as pictured, where the vast farming and sales records are kept is found efficient and capable Miss Vera Williams, who handles the payrolls and Miss Sally Mae Sa, in charge of the bookkeeping department.



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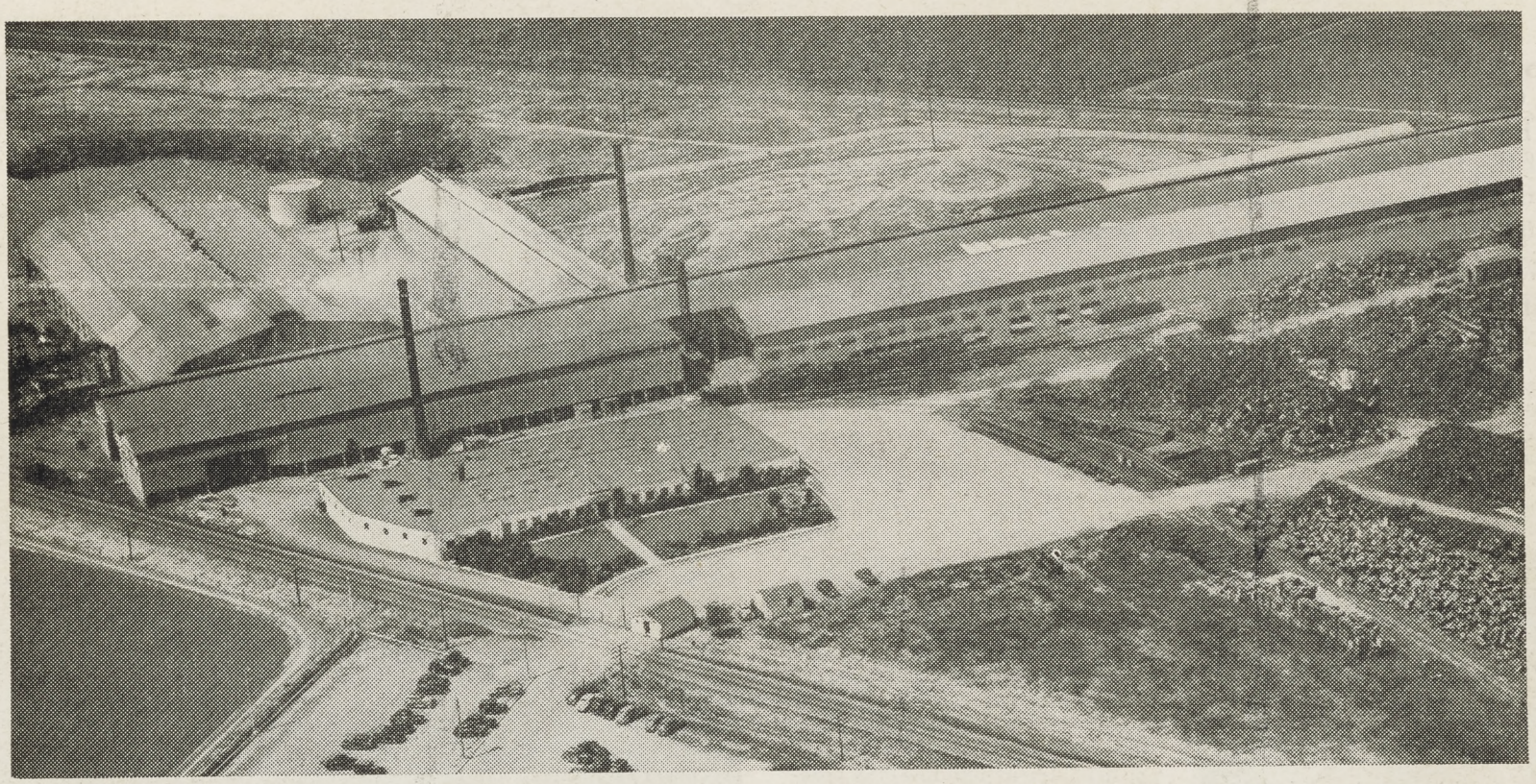

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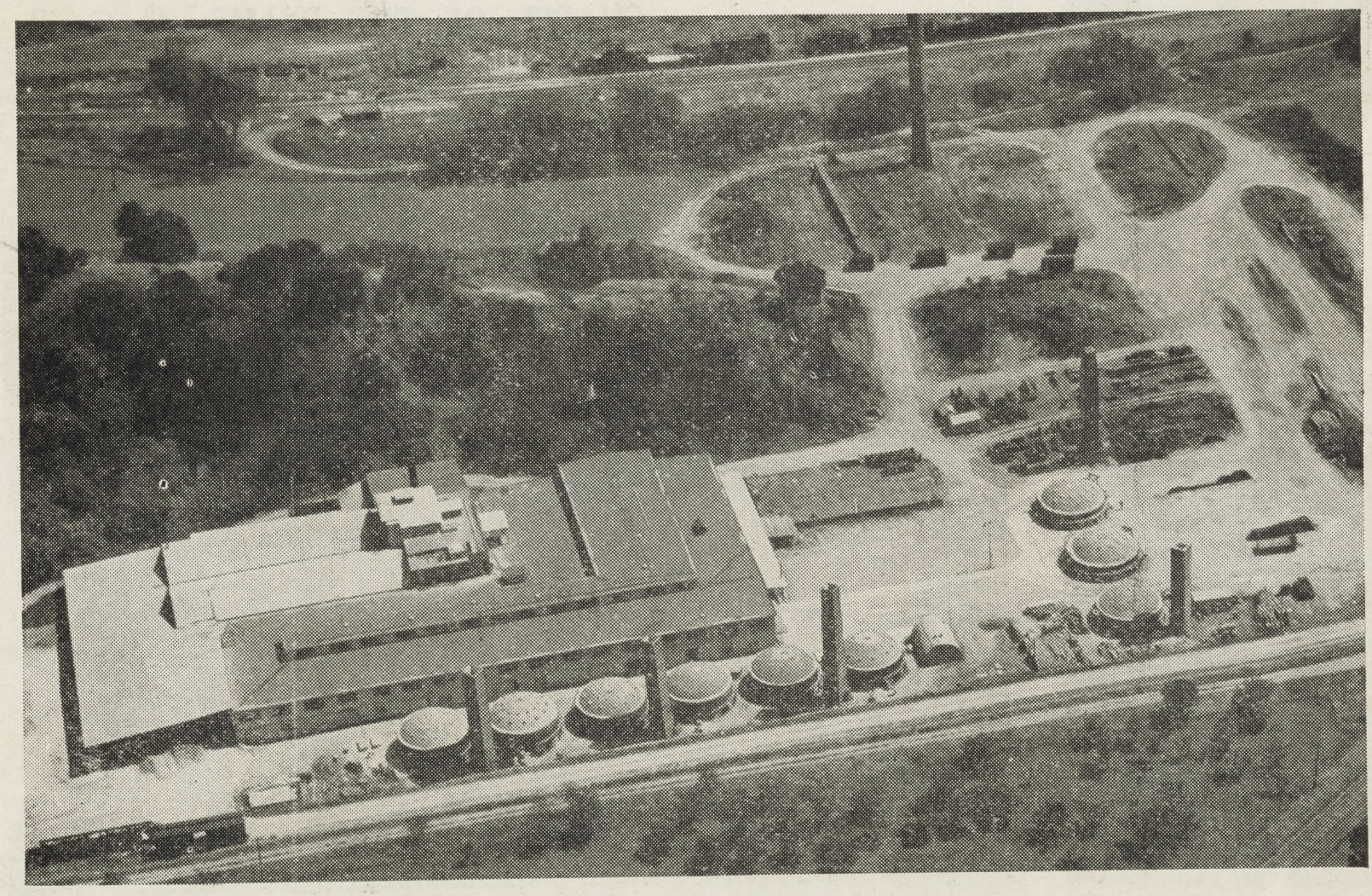


California Pottery Company in Niles Canyon, established in 1873, produces 1,000 carloads of vitrified clay products annually. The L. K. Peterson Estate conducts the business, under the experienced managemnt of George Mays of Hayward. They held put Niles on the map. Great amounts of pipe made here are sold all over the state

Washington Union High School---Our Pride

No institution could be more attractive or better suited to education than the Washington Union High School a Centerville. The trustees and faculty cooperate nicely. The gymnasium and class rooms are modern—and one of the finest features is the athletic end—the gymnasium and the wonderful baseball diamond and football field, and the marvelous tennis and basketball courts.

WASHINGTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL

The Washington Union High School was the second one to be formed under the 1890 law. It took two years to complete the preliminaries, decide upon location, buy the land, get the trustees elected and the first building erected. It was a handsome two-story frame building costing $10,-

J. V. GOOLD

500, located on Fremont avenue near where the present A. B. Lewis, Jr., home stands.

The first classes were held in the Masonic building in Centerville in 1892 and the first graduate, Mary Lee Burdick, graduated in 1893.

The new building was occupied in the fall of 1892 and many notable people graduated from its halls, among them Judge Ezra Decoto, Judge Allen G. Norris, James Whipple, and many others.

The present fine modern building was erected on the main highway during the principalship of George W. Wright in 1923 and 1924 at the cost of $250,000. But Mr. Wright passed away before it was occupied.

The first class to graduate from the new building was the 1924 class under the principalship of E. B. Hodges. The trustees at the time of the building were Fred F. Dusterberry, President, H. C. Brewer, F. V. Jones, J. E. Rogers and R. S. Stewart. Henry H. Meyers was the architect.

The main building was, however, only the beginning. Shops, art department building, the cafeterias. the athletic field and bleachers, and the $80,000 reinforced concrete gymnasium, which was erected in 1930 without any bond issue, but out of current funds, under the guidance of E. B. Hodges as principal. The investment today stands at around half a million dollars, and is one of the finest of its kind in the country.

The present District Superintendent is J. V. Goold, with Warren Gravestock as vice-principal, as well as principal of the Night School which continues to grow in importance because it meets a community need.

The present trustees are Herbert Harrold of Decoto, President; Edward Enos of Niles, Secretary. Other trustees are Andrew Logan, Alvarado; S.G.Scott, Newark; A.E. Alameda, Irvington. (M.J. Bernardo recently defeated Harrold).

WARREN GRAVESTOCK

MILLER'S SHOE STORE, Theater Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Miller have an attractive shoe store in the new Center Theater building. Above picture shows Mr. Miller, and an attractive shoe display also.

CHAPEL OF THE PALMS---Centerville

One of the most beautiful scenes in the Township is the Chapel of the Palms at Centerville, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Paul on North Main Street.

THE CHAPEL OF THE PALMS AT CENTERVILLE—CONDUCTED BY DALLAS PAUL

Washington Township A Community Unique In Character

By N. W. Armstrong

Referring to the so-called "GOOD OLD DAYS" there was not any spot in Alameda County as popular as Washington Township. The substantial families throughout the township controlled the destiny of Alameda County from the time that the county was first admitted as a governmental subdivision of State in 1853

A study of the maps showing ownersip of various ranches, farms. and leading enterprises proved beyond a doubt that Washington Township was the leader of any community of the county. Featured were agricultural works, salt refineries, large dairies, vegetable gardens, stock ranches.

Washington College at Irvington was the seat of learning. Students came from various parts of California to acquire knowledge of the nearby Springs attracted guests from S. F.

Splendid edifices that housed families of prominent citizens were among the more attractive homes of all Alameda County. Every farm had spacious barns to take care of pedigreed horses and cattle. Frequently the farms had private race tracks from half a mile to a mile in length.

In a large measure San Francisco depended on this area for fresh vegetables and grain. Vintages from the Mission area supplied the leading hotels with choicest of refreshments.

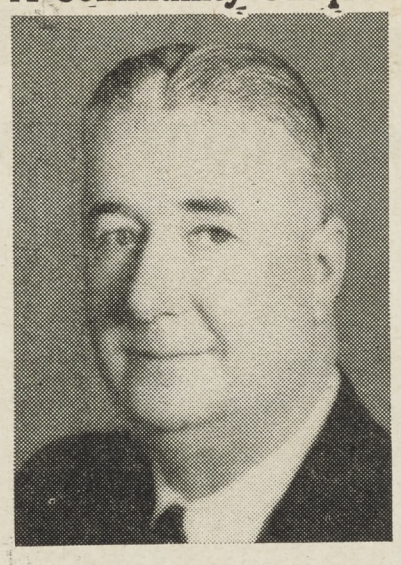
Families that settled in Washington township were leaders in the civic and social life of the county. Scions of some of the earliest settlers still reside on the original homesites and take a prominent part in all activities of the community in which they live. This is true of the fraternal leadership and church membership.

Pioneers from the Atlantic seaboard. immigrants from Europe all with one idea, that being to settle down and become good citizens formed the bulwark of the early day population. Honesty dominated the business dealings of both merchant and buyers. Old time religion was preached to all denominations. Followers of the Catholic faith attended worship at the old Mission. Circuit riders representing the various branches of the Protestant faith appeared at different settlements throughout the township on Sundays.

Marriages uniting scions of prominent families were outstanding society events. Guests would come from far off Livermore traveling the distance in horse drawn wagons or busses. Other guests from the San Francisco Bay Area would travel part way by train or perhaps take the boat to Alviso where rigs would convey them to their destination.

The natural beauties of the township were soon recognized by the city folk who would look forward to a holiday in the country, enjoying the Niles canyon country or the springs known as Agua Caliente. A picnic grounds was an attraction at Decoto on the banks of Dry Creek.

County government leaned on the citizens of this area to furnish



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many of the more important office holders inasmuch as the first county seat was established at Alvarado also known as Union City and New Haven. Many of these public officials continued to serve the county and the State for many years. Although the county seat was later moved to San Leandro, due to so-called "Stuffing of the Ballot Boxes," Washington Township continued to retain its prestige throughout the entire county.

Today one can look with pride to the advancement made by every one of the several towns throughout Washington Township. Each town is featured by some outstanding industry or activity.

A tour of the township starting at the southerly end where Warm Springs is located amazes one with the rich fields, heavy producing orchards and large poultry plants. The home for aged members of the Portuguese fraternity known as the I. D. E. S. lodge is located at Warm Springs. The thermal belt that blesses this area assures the old folks of lots of sunshine and outdoor life at its best

In Irvington better known as Washington Corners in the early days is a bustling business center. Agriculture is a leading industry with several industrial plants engaged in manufacturing employing numerous people. Scions of pioneer folks are active in local affairs

Centerville gets its name naturally by being the center of a rich community. Here is published the Washington News, a bank does a big business, the local moving picture theater offers entertainment featuring latest pictures from Hollywood. The large Union high school that serves all of the township is at Centerville. The business district is expanding too. Canneries, vegetable packing sheds, berry fields add to the wealth of this rapidly growing town. Several fraternal groups hold their meetings in Centerville. The more aggressive business and professional leaders meet each week as members of the Lions club. The chamber of commerce is spreading the gospel about the many advantages of Centerville as a home town and a good business district. Shipping via railroad and trucks of produce keeps Centerville on the map throughout the entire nation. Correctly named CENTERVILLE is a center of social and cultural life for Washington Township.

Newark has been in the foreground for many years as a manufacturing town. For more than half a century the famous stoves and ranges dating back to coal burners and oil burners have been known throughout the land. Wedgewood stoves, a product of the Graham company are recognized as leading products in their respective line. The great chemical works and the salt refineries add to Newark's payroll. From the agricultural side of the picture the dairy herds of Newark bring much wealth into the community. Herds of registered cattle are in charge of expert dairy men. The shopping district is growing and many trains pass through the town handling trans-continental traffic for railroad and coastal lines. The famous bay bridge known as Dumbarton, handles vehicular traffic and is a short cut between San Joanquin valley points and the San Francisco and San Mateo areas. Several new subdivisions have been put on the market and numerous residences are under construction for world war veterans. Newark has a great future and offers so many oportunities for industrial development.

Niles, also favorably known as the "Hub City" was formerly known as Vallejo Mills. It is a crossroads for both rail transportation and highways. Two railroads branch at Niles going over to the great valley of the San Joaquin and south to San Jose and also along the coast as far as the Mexican border. Famed for large deciduous fruit orchards, home of nationally known nursery where trees, shrubs and bushes are produced for trans-planting, Niles also has a Veterans Memorial building where veterans from all wars gather for their meetings. North of Niles on the Hayward-San Jose highway is the old town of Decoto named ofter the late Ezra Decoto who located in the county many years ago, coming from Canada in 1854. Scions of the Decoto family are prominently linked with the advancement of Washington Township and Alameda County. Judge Ezra Decoto, a son of the founder of the town is now a Superior Court Judge for the County. The attractive Masonic Home is situated in Decoto. Industries are springing up and dairy herds thrive on the alfalfa hay that grows so bountifully.

Reference to the first county seat at Alvarado has been made. Alvarado also has salt refineries and is the home of the oldest sugar beet factory in the entire United States. There is wealth in Alvarado derived from herds of cattle, large acreage planted to vegetables that are shipped daily to the San Francisco market and other points in the state, and to distant destinations in the middlewest and eastern states. Alvarado also boasts a news paper a publication controlled by George Oakes, who is also publisher of the Washington News at Centerville. One of the best known crops is the potato which is planted, harvested and shipped in terms of hundreds of thousands of tons. The "Alvarado Burbank" potato has done much to bring the community into the limelight.

MISSION SAN JOSE

One Hundred and Fifty years ago the first settlement was established with the arrival of the padres wending their way North from Mexico. This was the start of civilization in what is now known as Alameda County. The center of culture, of learning and everything that meant success for the future of this great county, dates back to the erection of the old Mission. Savage Indians had to be won over. They were taught through the patience of the padres, in the art of cultivating the soil, making farm implements, sewing, modern cooking. Then they were taught after hours of effort to read and write and speak Spanish and later English. Here was the "Cradle of Civilization" for what was to become the great County of Alameda. Later the Indians upon learning that the padres were not there to steal their possessions, or to run them off their lands, showed the padres where the famous Agua Caliente springs were, and explained their medicinal and curative value.

As the county has progressed, so has Washington Township. While the growth in population has not been as rapid as that in the more settled communities, this is understandingly due to the fact that the farming activities have continued through the years. Cities cannot flourish without the backing of farming industry. In the early days, and it continues to be that Alameda County's farming activities are in a large measure the more important ones throughout Washington township.

So, here in Washington Township we still have the dairy herds, the productive vegetable-gardens, bountiful fruit orchards, a certain percentage of the ever necessary pay rolls as provided by manufacturers and best of all the highest type of citizenship which has come down through the ages from the time that the first White people settled on the farms that have meant so much to Alameda County.

To these sturdy and faithful padres whose patience resulted in the civilizing of the savage Indians and laid the foundation of education and tolerance the people of this area pay tribute through observance of the Sesquicentennial of the founding of Mission San Jose.

Today mammoth trees planted a century and more ago afford shade and add beauty to the grounds that surround the Mission and other branches of the church including the convent and the home occupied by the Sisters. Adjacent to the church is the old burying ground where so many of the pioneers rest as a final reward for their efforts put forth while residents of Washington Township. People must pause and with a solemn vow acknowledge the great missionary conquest that produced such gratifying results by founding of Mission San Jose,

W. B. WILLIAMS --- Grower and Shipper Of Quality Vegetables from Irvington

Celery Harvest at Irvington Shipped to Eastern Markets by Fast Refrigerator Cars

W. Burdette Williams grows quality vegetables in Washington Township, shipping many car loads of celery, tomatoes, broccoli, and cauliflower annually to Eastern markets from his large packinghouse at Irvington on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Several greenhouses are used to produce young celery plants during winter months for spring field planting requiring specialized care.

Mr. Williams has an efficient organization employing from 60 to 100 workers the year around, required to carry on the many tasks of the twelve farms which he operates under the expert supervision of Mr. Donald F. Shanks.

The adjoining photos show celery harvest and packing during a shipment in which 5000 crates of celery were harvested and brought to the packing house where each stalk was washed and individually wrapped in parchment paper before packing. Only three days were required to complete this large shipment equivalent to 11 car loads which was consigned to our Army and Navy Forces in the South Pacific.

Modern Office

In the modern equipped office, as pictured, where the vast farming and sales records are kept is found efficient and capable Miss Vera Williams, who handles the payrolls and Miss Sally Mae Sa, in charge of the bookkeeping department.

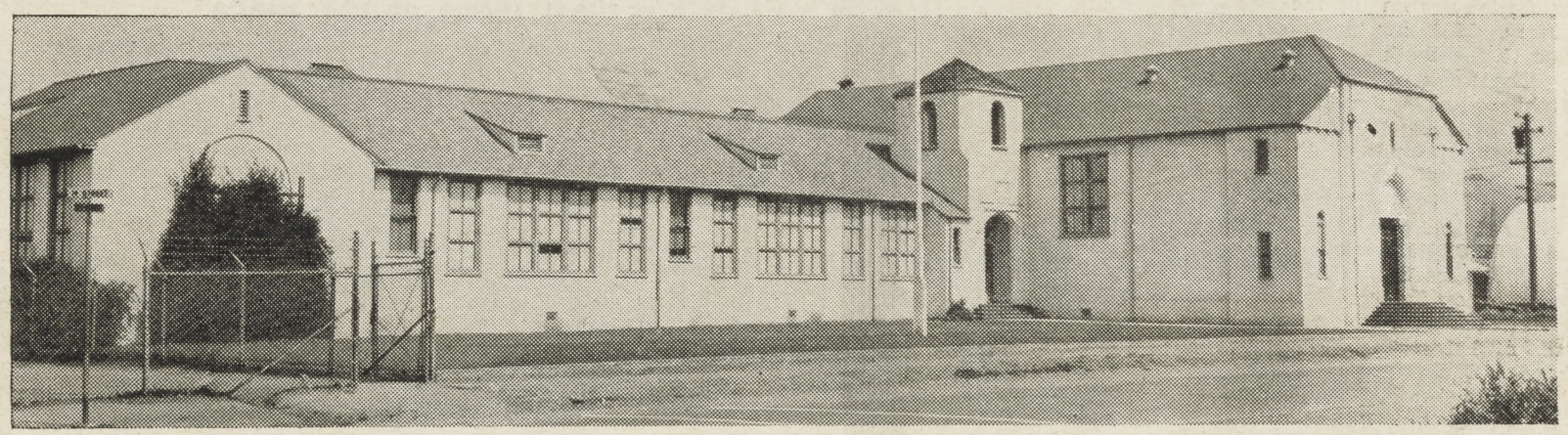
DECOTO---Location of Big Masonic Home

GRAND VIEW OF VALLEY

The Masonic Home is a magnificent million-dollar edifice built on the lovely hillside looking toward the San Francisco Bay. It stands out prominently, and passers-by on the Niles-Oakland highway are impressed with its main structure and two wings.

It was established at Decoto by the Grand Lodge of California because of ideal climate and scenic location overlooking the fertile valley, with nearly 400 oldsters enjoying attractive quarters and excellent care.

DECOTO SCHOOL is One of the Most Pr ominent in the Valley



Previous to July 2nd., 1868, the children of Decoto were compelled to go either to the Alvarado, Alviso or Centerville schools. In 1869 the first Decoto school was opened. In 1883 a new school house was erected within the town limits, and the present fine structure was built in 1929. It has proven too small to meet present needs and a bond issue of $72,000 has been voted to provide new classrooms. The present enrollment is around five hundred children.

L. W. Musick is the present District Superintendent. The Trustees are Alwin Searles, William Davis and Manuel White. Attendance is one of Township's biggest.

MARLO PACKING CORP.--Big Cannery at Decoto---Former Jos. Pearce Canning Co.

Decoto would never had a cannery today to employ so many people annually had it not been for Joseph Pearce of Hayward, who after years as superintendent of Hunt Bros. at Hayward, pioneered the cannery at Decoto.

Last year it was sold to the Campbell Products Co., who will change their firm name to MARLO PACKING CORPORATION beginning June 1. They will continue big packs of apricots, peaches and tomatoes, etc., at Decoto again this year.. They always have a big crew

Wilbur Cox is the manager of Campbell's Decoto branch. His knowledge of the canning industry and experience is splendid. Joseph Hollingshead will assist Cox, as he was in charge of this plant with Pearce that has helped its growth.

Crayton Boyer is office manager and secretary is Mary A. Turner.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BANKS

BANK AT ALVARADO FIRST IN TOWNSHIP

The first bank to be organized in the township was organized on January 30th 1902 at Alvarado with W. H. Layson as president and August May as cashier. The directors were I. V. Ralph, F. P. Hellwig, E. H. Stevenson, F. B. Granger and George Althausers.

IRVINGTON

The Irvington Bank was organized as a branch of the Alvarado bank in 1910. A corner lot of 50x100 feet was brought from the Mack estate and the present building erected at a cost of $10,000.

BANK OF CENTERVILLE ORGANIZED IN 1905

The Bank of Centerville was organized on June 13, 1905 with John G. Mattos, Jr., president, F. T. Dusterberry, vice president, and Joseph Dias as cashier.

In 1919 it was converted into the First National Bank of Centerville. In 1921 it became the Centerville Branch of the Bank of Italy. 1931 saw the name changed to the Bank of America.

The Bank of San Leandro established its Centerville Branch on July 1st, 1921; its Newark Branch in 1925. Both were absorbed by the Bank of America in August, 1927, the Newark branch being

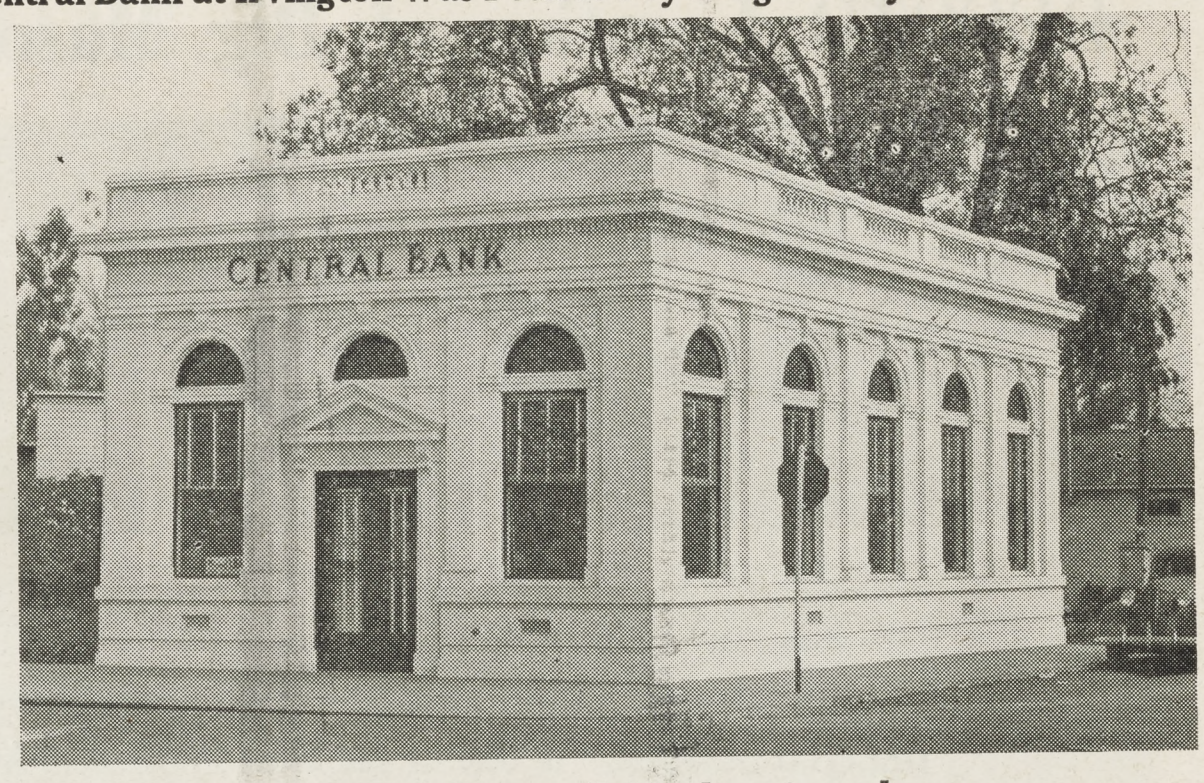
STATE BANK AT NILES

The Niles State Bank was organized on September 24th., 1906 with Jackson Dennis as president, E. A. Ellsworth, vice president, and J. E. Jacobus as cashier.

It was absorbed by the Bank of Alameda County in May, 1916.

Central Bank of Oakland absorbed Alvarado, Irvington and Niles banks in 1938.

Central Bank at Irvington Was Founded by Au gust May--Sold to Central



IRWIN'S PLACE is we ll liked eating place

Lew Irwin Handles State-wide Trucking

Lew Irwin and wife have built up a big restaurant business at their IRWIN'S PLACE at Irvington. Mr. Irwin has a fleet of trucks busy on local and long distance hauls, often times to Los Angeles.

He has a modern home nearly opposite Irvington School, and has plans for a outstanding garage and a patio adjoining the house.

He has a fast airplane which he keeps at Center Airport.

VILELA PLAYHAVEN--d inners and dancing

Vilela's Playhaven is known for its sociable atmosphere, and the amusement features and dancing are carrying on a tradition for fine service, set by the well liked and popular "Sophies" Place years ago at the same location.

Mr. Vilela has been in business before and knows how to treat the public, and has spent much money to streamline his beautiful cocktail bar, and add to the already beautiful dancing section.

The DINING ROOM in connection is handled nicely by Jack Lloyd, and their dinners and meals throughout the day are delicious. Chicken dinners are featured. It is a jolly wholesome atmosphere. It was completely remodeled lately

FRANK and JOSIE'S Gas Station Well Known

Frank and Josie Delgado are making a great success of their Chevron Station across from the Irvington School (almost). They take part in every civic activity, and particularly Mission's Sesqui.

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WARM SPRINGS

Hidden Valley Ranch for Rest and Recreation

Hidden Valley Ranch Rodeo May 31 - June 1

The Hidden Valley Inn and Dude Ranch, the former "Warm Springs Health Resort," is now owned and operated by Fred H. Goosen, and managed by Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard. This place was formerly owned by Leland Stanford in the early days. This is a well known place now for fine dinners, banquets, liquid refreshments —and the ranch offers horseback riding and swimming, etc., for recreation. They are progressive.

The Sesquicentennial Rodeo will be given there by John Anderson of Chualar who is a veteran rodeo man, on May 31st and June 1st.

JUNCTION INN Popular

At the "Y" in Warm Springs where the two highways meet, the Junction Inn, is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. William Pedemonte, as a fine eating place and amusement center

It was formerly conducted by Manuel Hidalgo, who has sold out and moved to Decoto where he has gone into business.

Pedemonte's JUNCTION INN for Refreshment

Peerless Stages Modernize

D. Gaeta (right) President of Peerless Stages, Incorporated, congratulates Mr. B. A. Perry, (left) Vice-president of General Manager on the successful completion of delivery schedules of 12 new busses for Peerless Stages, Incorporated. Four of the new busses are pictured above.

12 NEW BUSSES PURCHASED FOR OAKLAND TO SAN JOSE AND SANTA CRUZ

Mr. H. D. Gaeta, President of Peerless Stages, Incorporated, has announced that all twelve of the new 37-passenger streamlined busses ordered by his line have been received and placed into operation between Oakland, San Jose and Santa Cruz. All twelve of the busses were driven from Harmon, Indiana to Oakland, California by Peerless Stages drivers who went East in groups of three with Mr. B. A. Perry, Vice-president and General Manager, to drive the new units to the coast. Mr. Perry reports that despite the extremely difficult terrain and the extremely unpleasant weather encountered on his three cross-country trips, all twelve of the new busses made the 2,384 mile-trip without mishap or discomfort. The busses manufactured by the General American Aerocoach Corporation are equipped with the very latest in heating and ventilation improvements.

Peerless Stages added the twelve new units to their fleet of equipment which last year operated a record of 1,791,152 miles in operations between Oakland and Palo Alto, Oakland and San Jose, Oakland and Santa Cruz, and San Jose and Los Gatos.

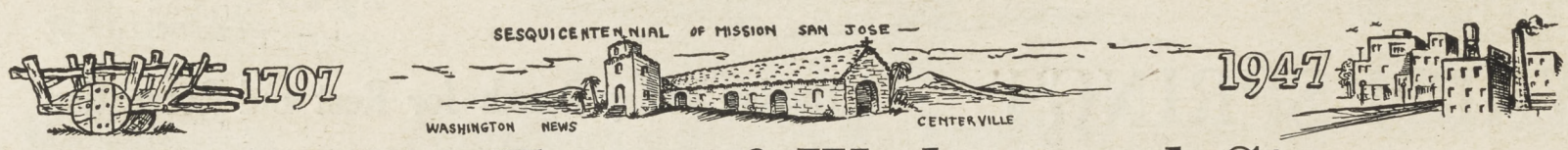
MISSION PAGEANT TO BE WONDERFUL

EXCAVATION FOR PAGEANT IN MISSION

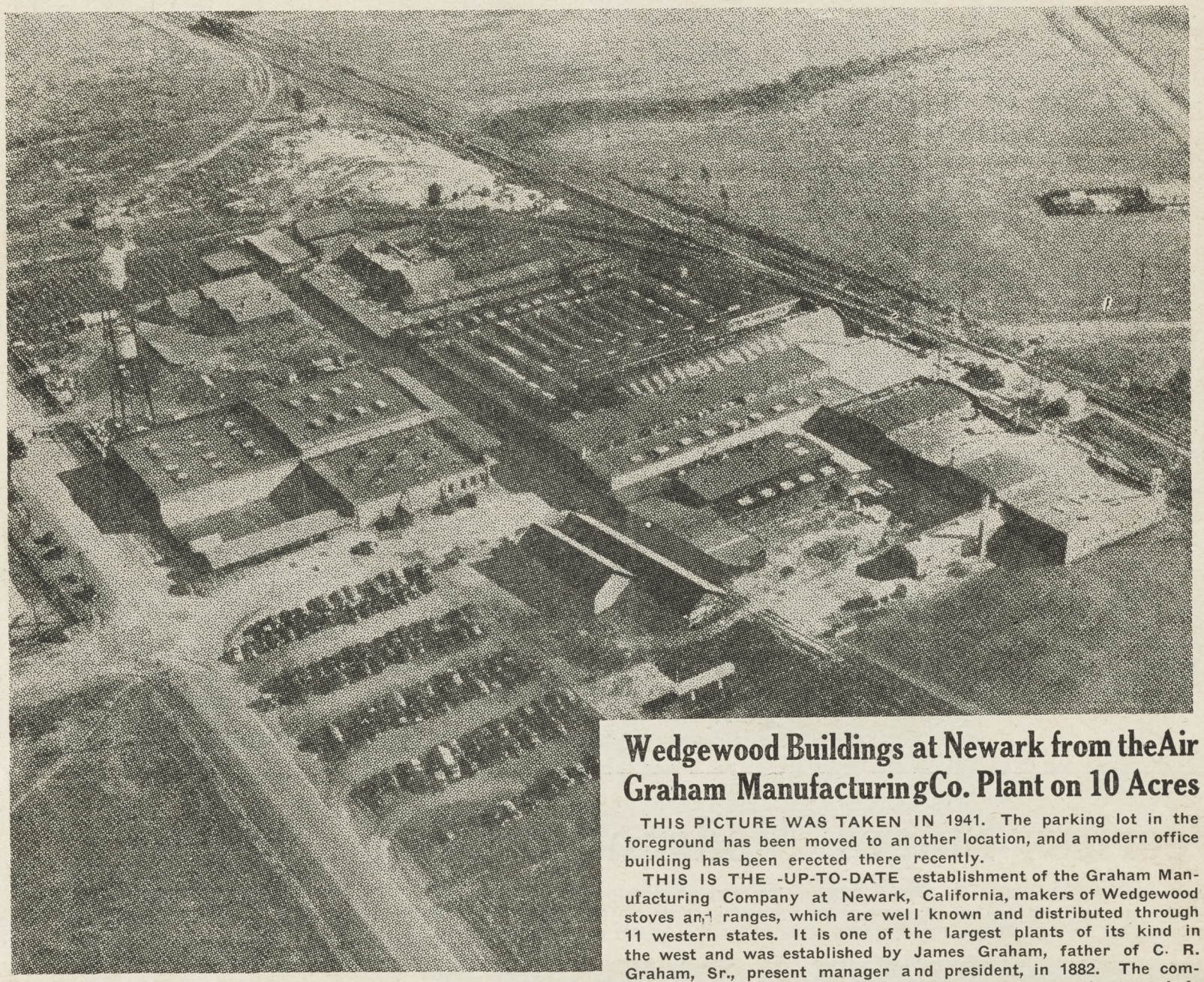
The scene of the coming dramatic Sesquicentennial Pageant which will be held in the Mission San Jose on May 31st, and June 1st, is being prepared for that event by being graded and surfaced and stage settinggs up, the outlines of the church building are now visible.

The pageant has been written by John Sandoval of Hayward and is in eight scenes depicting the early history of the Mission and this region. It is a very colorful presentation under the direction of Everett Glass of Berkeley, who is very busy these days training those who are to take part. A recent decision in this regard was that of Mrs. Carol Kelly of Hayward for the role of Dona Higuera, mother of the bride in the wedding scene.

Mrs. Stella Benbow of Irvington has been placed in charge of the stage properties by Mrs. Myaock who is chairman of the Pageant Committee. The costuming will be gay and colorful whether it be the early Spanish, the Forty-niner period or that of the native Indians.



NEWARK --- Home of Wedgewood Stoves



Wedgewood Buildings at Newark from theAir Graham Manufacturing Co. Plant on 10 Acres

THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN IN 1941. The parking lot in the foreground has been moved to another location, and a modern office building has been erected there recently.

THIS IS THE -UP-TO-DATE establishment of the Graham Manufacturing Company at Newark, California, makers of Wedgewood stoves and ranges, which are well known and distributed through 11 western states. It is one of the largest plants of its kind in the west and was established by James Graham, father of C. R. Graham, Sr., present manager and president, in 1882. The company has 3 distributing warehouses —SanFrancisco, Portland and L.A.

NEWARK SCHOOL-- Plan $151,000 Bldg.

The first school house built in Newark was the usual two-story affair that was the prevailing style in 1879. It was built where the present building stands. This was built in 1915 and thought to be ample room for many years. Newark now deserves credit for passing $151,000 bonds for construction of a new school building. Voters appreciated trustees' efforts

The Lincoln school district was added to the Newark district in 1946 and the old one-room building was moved to the Newark school and used to provide additional class room, but even so it is inadequate.

The new building will have a number of facilities not provided in the present one. There are 235 pupils now enrolled and the rapidly expanding population of Newark indicates further increases in the near future. The largest industries of the township are in the Newark area.

The District Superintendent is Jack MacGregor, who has returned to the school after four years in the service. The Trustees are Fred Muller, President, M. V. Silva, Clerk and Sam Scott.

J. A. Freitas Has Sunset Foundry at Newark

SUNSET FOUNDRY, owned by J. A. Freitas at Newark, has a big payroll of about 22 men, all getting good union wages. There is first-class equipment to do the fine work of casting parts for stoves, and casts from many kinds of dies. His son, J.A.Freitas Jr., assists him

GAUNT'S SERVICE STATION at Newark

Everett Gaunt's Service Station is located at a fine corner location in Newark at 2223 Thornton Ave. Mrs. Gaunt is assisting her husband and often a son assists. They are a family that gives conscientious service, selling gas, greasing cars, and selling that good Associated oil. The moved into their Newark home to be near their business last year, from their former home, Baine Ave., Centerville.

CENTERVILLE--Central location for Industries

L & V TRUCKING Started a New Trucking Ce nter Near the High School----4 Big Buildings

Ed Vieira—Louis Amaral--Joseph Dutra—

"THREE HORSEMEN OF NOTRE DAME" for cooperation

You football fans remember how the Notre Dame football team at one time has three backkfield men who were the peer of the nation as line plungers—by their cooperation. Well—here in Centerville we have a counterpart.

We refer to the three owners of the L & V Trucking—Ed Vieira, of Centerville, Louis Amaral of Hayward and Jos. Dutra, Alvarado

Ed Vieira visualized the big success, and like the famous coach Eddie Layden "called the signals" but Joe and Louis were right in "there pitching" too and helping Edw Vieira put over what appears to be a big trucking center growing by leaps and bounds. The big investment of four buildings all nicely streamlined, on a nationally known and well-located highway between Centerville and Irvington, will cause a small suburb of Centerville to form.

MODERN TRUCKING CENTER

Vieira figured it that way—the many truck drivers coming in to this center will need a place to eat, so a big restaurant was built, the L & V Cafe, which Mary Bettencourt manages. Another building was needed to repair trucks, and modern equipment added. The service station, and building to house oils, etc., is also a thing of beauty. At the rear of the several acres of ground is the efficiently kept office, where Vivian Costa and Jerry Martin are employed. The firm employs 11 people. The plant is worth around $200,000. It is Vieira's dream come true. All these boys came up from the ranks —hats off to you men!

CROSSROADS OF STATE

The central location in the valley—at the cross roads between Oakland and San Jose, and San Joaquin valley and cities hinging on the San Mateo Co. shore thru access by Dumbarton Bridge—will see this become gigantic in growth

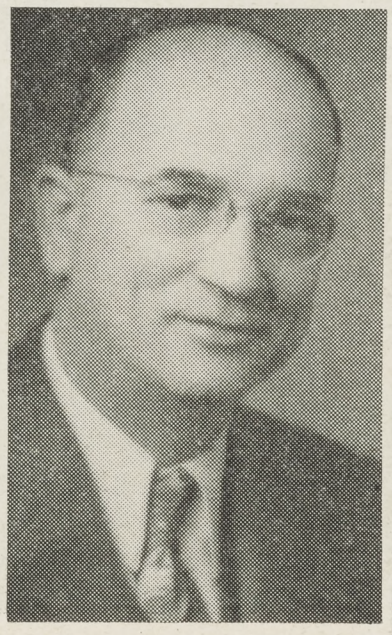
Alongside is the well known L and V Farm Sales, selling feed and fuel, which Mr. Vieira sold a couple of years ago, before he embarked on the L and V Trucking to his brother Geo. Silveira.

CENTERVILLE ELECTRIC and PUMP CO.--A. S. Enos, Prop rietor

A. S. Enos Has BigBusiness

The Centerville Electric and Pump Co., located on a prominent corner of North Main Street, is a large business over 24 years old, which has a large steady payroll all the year around. A. S. Enos, the proprietor, actively heads the activities of the firm, and is the strenuous worker who loves to do a worth-while job, so the Editor thinks. When over 25 employes are kept busy in electrical contracting and installing deep-well Byron-Jackson Pumps so steadily, such workmanship brings large contracts not only from local people but from neighboring counties.

The proprietor is a Township man whose whole life is wrapped up in the welfare of this place he calls home.



HANDLES BYRON-JACKSON PUMPS FOR MANY COUNTIES

In handling the well known Byron-Jackson Pumps, which are high grade deep well pumps, Mr. Enos serves all of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and part of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties..

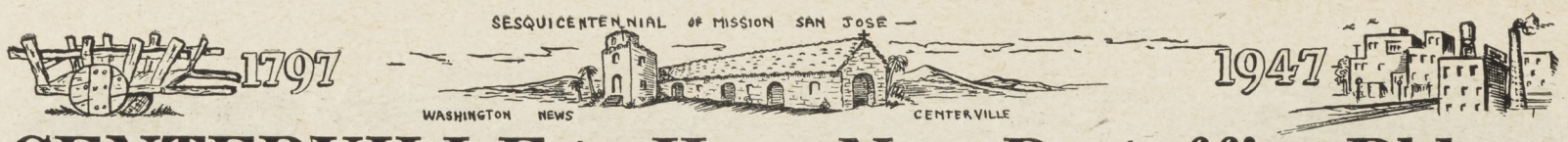
CENTERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

John Horner Built First School in 1850

John Horner built the first school in 1850. The next one to be Centerville school in 1850. The next one to be built was called the Lagoon School which served until 1913 when another building was erected. This was on the Main street of Centerville, a new location for the school.

In 1940 the 1913 building was pushed to one side and a new modern building erected at the cost of $63,000. The increase in enrollment has necessitated larger quarters, and a bond issue is in process for $16,000 to furnish additional class rooms, garage and buy additional land needed for expansion. The present plant is valued at around $160,000.

Thomas Maloney is the District Superintendent and is doing fine work, quite actively assisting the P. T. A. and Scouting. The Trustees are Manuel Oliveira, who has served in that capacity for over thirty years, Judge Allen G. Norris who has been a trustee since 1927, and Ernest J. Sabina recently elected trustee.



CENTERVILLE to Have New Postoffice Bldg.

NEW POSTOFFICE

The awarding of the contract to build a new postoffice for Centerville was received in Centerville the other day. Allan Walton's bid for this structure was accepted, and the new building will probably be ready for occupancy about October of this year.

It is to be located on the old Town Hall site. This carries back to the time when the Hall was the scene of the town's social activities, and also the home of athletic clubs and the place of political meetings. The hall itself was torn down in 1929, and in 1930 a move was made to erect a Movie Theatre there, but when Mr. Peterson got tangled up in so much red tape in his effort to get a clear title to the land, he gave up. He did, however, finally, after about four years of effort, get the title cleared. The Town Hall people had always thought they had a clear title, but it developed there was one wee bit of the land that had never been purchased from the original owners. It was surely one nice mix up. Now, however, the place will be developed, with a one-story building adapted to the use of the postoffice. This building will not occupy all of the lot, but will leave room for another building when the time warrants.

When the new firehouse is erected along side of this new building it will add much to the modern appearance of the Main street of the town. If two old barns past the firehouse could removed, the people of Centerville could well be proud of their main thoroughfare.

WHITFIELD'S STATION

Matt Whitfield, born and raised on a farm in Mission San Jose, is the cheerful and courteous man who gives Associated Service at 118 N. Main St. He has been a long booster for the softball league

Centerville Electric & Pump Company

Centerville Electric and Pump Co. finishes the picture of business firms on N. Main Street in the section northwest of the Southern Pacific tracks. This is a most outstanding business, and is written up elsewhere in this issue. We thank A.S. Enos for cooperation.

WALTON DRUG CO.

Looking north on Main Street in the picture of Centerville above in 1947 is Walton Drug Co., conducted by that son of pioneers, Allan Walton.

Mr. Walton pharmacy is the long established drug store in this town and valley. Mr. Walton taken an interest in town affairs, as he is proud to call the Township his home. And his wife is interested in civic interests also.

EXCELSIOR BAKERY

CORREIA and CAMINADA, the owners of Excelsior Bakery at 102 North Main Street, Centerville, are located next to Walton's Drug. They are bakers of ability, and every day they have the equipment for making fresh hot bread and pastries. They also sell groceries. They are two young men well know in the township.

CHAPMAN & GOODWIN

The Chapman-GoodwinAccounting Service at 104 North Main St. in Centerville have developed a really big business taking care of the accounting for many big business and packing firms which necessitates three young ladies doing this special work in their well located office. They are expert in making out income tax reports.

PAUL HOCKINSON

CENTERVILLE GARAGE, with Paul Hockinson in charge at 118 N. Main Street, is one of the busiest auto repairing shops in the Township. Mr. Hockinson has the agency for Dodge autos, and there is a strong demand for them.

HERMAN MAU

The Herman Mau Machine Shop located in the rear of Centerville Garage is well equipped for the highest type precision work. Mr. Mau has had over 35 years of conscientious, capable experience.

Repairs on machinery of many kinds are done by him.

FRANK MADRUGA

Frank Madruga owns the large Centerville Garage building leased out to Paul Hockinson. Madruga is always interested in building up the town and especially the fire department, to which he belongs.

FIRE CHIEF ROGERS

The interest shown by Chief Rogers of the Fire Dept. is appreciated

Attys. NORRIS & BROUN

Judge Allan Norris, our noted attorney and justice of the peace, occupies the office formerly used by the renowned John G. Mattos, former attorney, and afterwards so prominent that he became Collector of the Customs Port in San Francisco for the U.S.A. Allan is a young man born and raised here, who is also a member of the board of trustees of Centerville Elementary School, and representative in Washington Township for the Oakland Area Boy Scouts.

He has associated with him Attorney LeRoy Broun, who was in the World War II, and was needed to take care of the expanding business of Atty. Norris.

Attorney Broun is also a good civic leader, head of the American Legion Post of the Township. He resides with his wife and son in a new Suhnel-built home on Santos Road.

GEO. COIT--PLUMBER

George Coit, who has a plumbing and hardware store, has a gift of being public spirited. Really he is always doing the Boy Scouts or some other organization a "good turn." His late wife was the same full-hearted individual, and was such a splendid leader that until her death a few years ago she was a member of the Centerville Elementary School board of trustees.

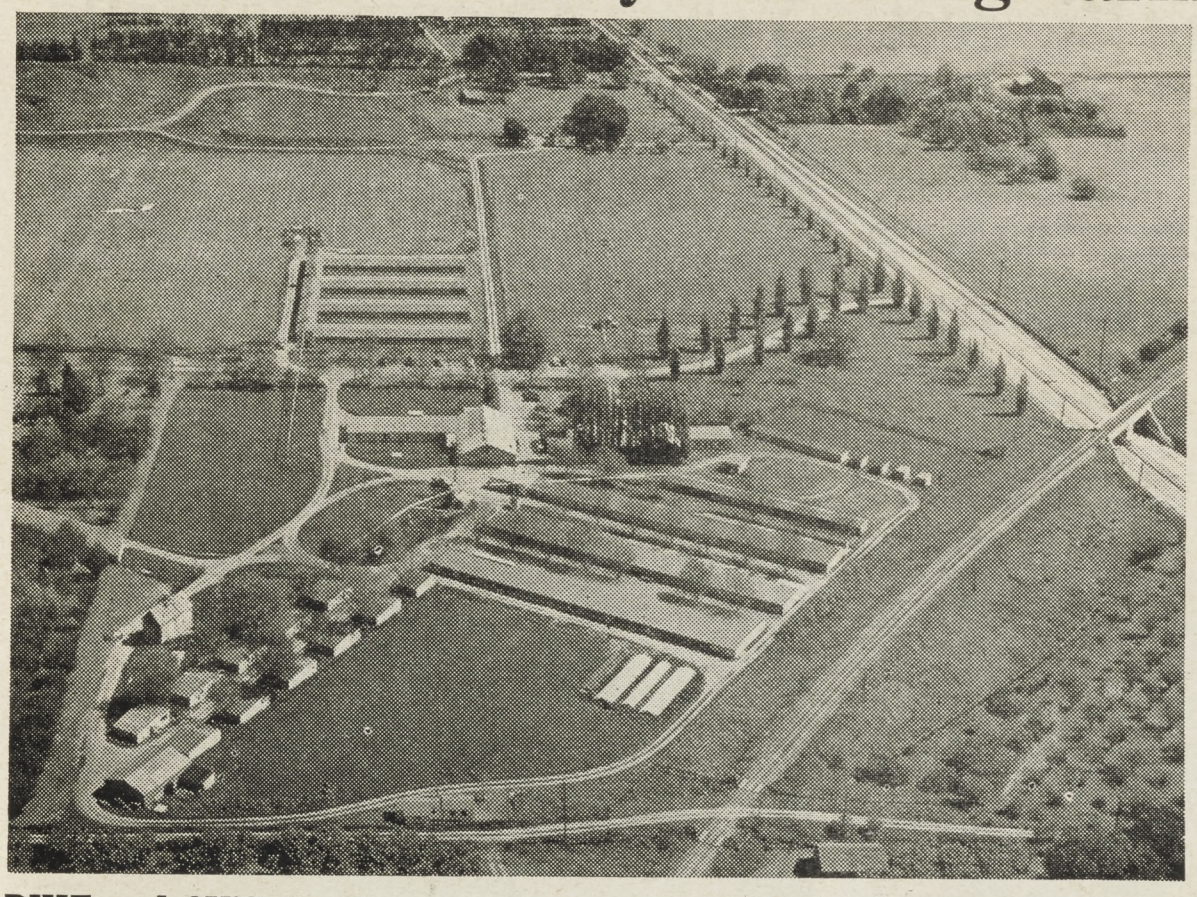
George Coit has a big stock of hardware. The publisher knows George well, as many years ago they attended Hayward schools together, where his brothers and sisters were leaders in the business and professional life of Hayward.

George Coit is president of the Union Sanitary District here.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH at Centerville

REV. THOMAS O'KANE IS AN EFFICIENT 'ADMINISTRATOR'

Kimber Poultry Breeding Farm, Located Near Niles



The Kimber Poultry Breeding Farm, located on the Niles-Mission San Jose State Highway, is one of California's leading poultry breeding establishments. While it also operates a large 30,000-hen plant at Atascadero in San Luis Obispo County, the Farm's main plant is at Niles, including its commercial and genetics offices, the hatchery, laboratories, and some other key activities.

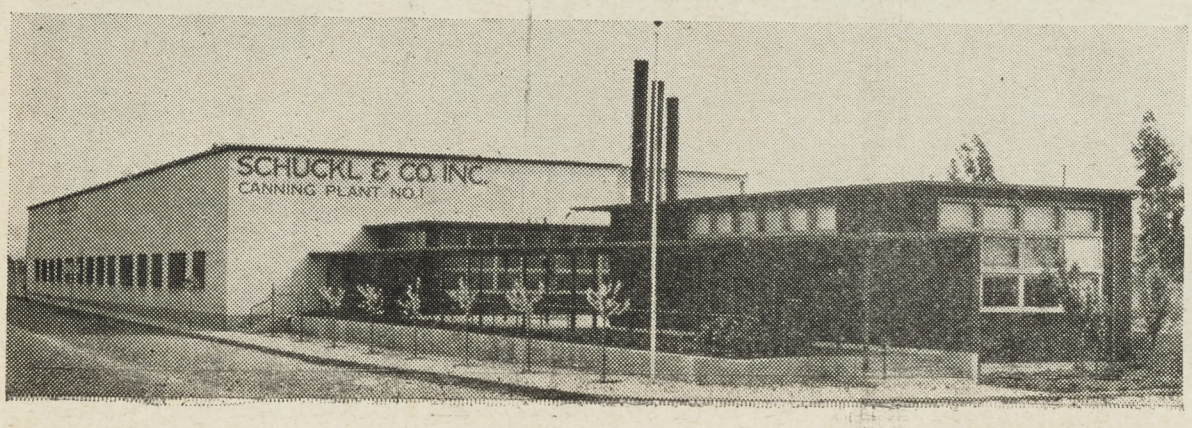
Kimber Farms, Inc., employs approximately sixty workers the year 'round. On May 1, 1947 the inventories included some 66,000 chickens. The Farm produces several million scientifically-bred baby chicks each year, most of which are sold to commercial poultrymen, although many go to backyard poultry raisers. No sales are made outside of California. The technical staff includes some nationally famous scientists. Each year the Farm is visited not only by thousands of poultrymen, but also by classes in agriculture from various colleges and high schools. Visitors are welcome on any business day, hours 8-12, 1-5. The Farm is closed on Sundays and holidays.

PIKE and CY'S Gas Station--corner Mission - Centerville Highways

THE MOBILGAS STATION at the corner of Mission San Jose and Centerville Highways is conducted by Frank (Pike) Souza and Seraphine (Cy) Caldeira, two very courteous and efficient men.

SCHUCKL & CO. CANNERY at Niles Has a Big Payroll each year

The big Schuckl Cannery in a wonderful fire-proof structure—atNiles which gives much employment. They started the second week in May on cherries for a few weeks run. Big pack of peaches later



NILES SCHOOL —First Building in 1875

It was not until 1875 that the first public school was opened in Niles. In 1889 another school building was erected which served until 1912, when a new site was bought and a new building erected. This was in use until in 1939 when the present school building was erected at a cost of $185,000. on the site of the former building. This required considerable moving about as the old school was torn down by sections, and the school moved into the new building as portions of it were completed. The whole plant designed at the time was not fully completed, but now the community has voted $77,000 to finish the original design.

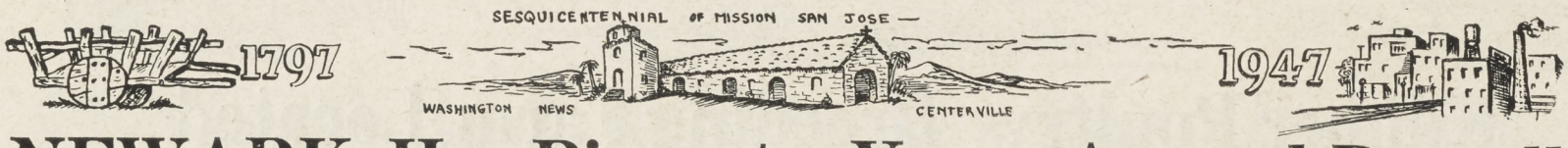
The school has enrolled over four hundred pupils, with the prospects for more children as the years go by. A kindergarten will be established when the new building work is completed.

The District Superintendent E. Dixon Bristow has been in charge for a number of years. The Trustees are Jos. D. Gomes, Clerk, J. J. Alberg, and J. A. McDonald.

California Nursery Co. Is Show Site at Niles

The California Nursery Co. has its main office and big nursery at Niles. It has various other plants —and the owner George Roeding deserves credit for putting this part of the county on the map in "a big floral way" by boosting the fine varieties of roses, bulbs, etc., in circulars as well as annual exhibits outdoors at Niles.

The large office at Niles is well conducted in order to handle the State-wire orders. Their display at Spring Garden Shows boosts Niles.



NEWARK--Has Biggest Year-Around Payrolls

——GRAHAM BROS. WEDGEWOOD STOVE Plant
——LESLIE SALT COMPANY
——MORTON SALT COMPANY
——WESTVACO CHLORINE PRODUCTS CORP.
——P. G. and E. SUBSTATION Serves Whole Bay Area

BIG PAYROLLS AT NEWARK

The Township can be proud of the payrolls of towns like Newark and Niles and others. It is believed that Newark always has had the biggest all-around payroll.

ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES

Rated as one of the oldest manufacturing centers in Alameda Co. is the community of Newark. Here one finds a nationally known foundry, specializing in producing stoves of every description. Chemical experts selected Newark for the location of what is said to be America's foremost plant of its kind. Newark is also famous for the production of salt, an industry that dates back to the eighteenth century in Alameda County.

Transportation depends on two bridges, starting at Newark, that make it possible for trains and motor traffic to cross lower San Francisco Bay, connecting with the western shores. Newark is also the center of a great dairy industry and ranks with other neighboring communities in raising livestock, vegetables and poultry. The public library and modern school and postoffice are fine buildings in the business area.

The residential section shows a gradual growth during the past few years at Newark. A number of home projects by Cotton Brothers; by Claude T. Lindsay Co., owner of the New Colma Lumber Mill at Decoto., and others have made boom for homes in Newark of late.

Newark is the home of many successful citizens who are engaged in farming and other horticultural pursuits. Livestock from the Newark area entered in State and county fairs have won many awards. Along the Bay shore are numerous shooting preserves and hunting lodges that attract sportsmen from many parts of the state.

The Newark Chamber of Commerce with Arthur Cotton as president and Richard Jolly as secretary is really working for the expansion of Newark's homes and business districts.

The grammar school under the direction of Jack MacGregor is one of the best in the Township. The board composed of M. D. Silva and Sam Scott and Fred A. Muller had the town solidly behind them in their efforts to make Newark school abreast of anything in the county, when the voters voted to put up a modern $151,000 school plant at the election May 9th.

New Furniture Store

Walt Chrsyler and Ed Mara did a wonderful thing when they took over a corner of the Thornbury block which was subdivided into stores this past year. Their success at the Niles Furniture Store and their Decoto Furniture Store has followed them at their furniture store in Newark handled by Ed Mara.

Sears & Huston's Store

Sears and Huston have become a big mercantile establishment the past two years—making a success from the start. They handle household articles, utensils, hardware, and paints, and a fine line of notions.

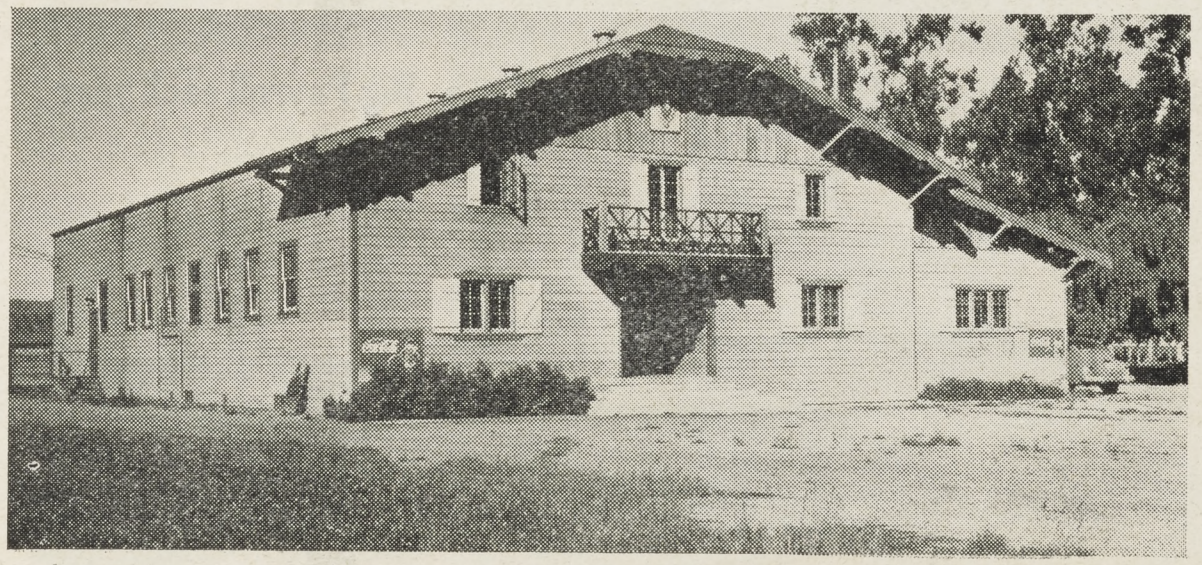
Next to the Postoffice in the corner location, they made a first-class move into these larger quarters the past year. Their former location a block away has been converted into quarters for the new physician, which the Chamber of Commerce made a drive to get.

In the picture at the side are Wes and Wanda Sears, and also smiling Harry Huston, tuning in on one of their top-flight radios which they sell.

They like Newark so well that their father is now in Newark and is going to start a clothing store on the side street, between M. D. Silva's grocery store and Walt and Ed's Furniture Store later on.

VIEW BELOW—Sears and Huston's. (Side) Wes, Wanda, Harry.

SWISS PARK at Newark Holds Many Joyful Dances



At Newark the Swiss Park is a gathering place for many good times by the Swiss-American unit known as Aelpler Gruppe. Grace Reichmuth secretary. The pavilion has a wonderful dance floor.

Days Of Celebration

By Hon. Chester E. Stanley
County Supervisor

Californians like to celebrate. There is no better way to make merry than to join in with the festivities in connection with the celebration being staged in honor of the founding of the old Mission. Dating back to 150 years ago the people including the Indians were in a mood to celebrate. We today stop and pay tribute to those who made it possible to spread civilization and education. Of the padres who had foresight to see a great future in this section we are proud.

Nature has been good to the area surrounding Mission San Jose. For some particular reason the sun is a little brighter and the soil has been a prolific producer of crops. Fame of the crops originally planted by the padres has spread throughout the world. The grapes that, when turned into wines, have offered a nectar second to none.

Citrus fruits do better in the Mission area than in any other section of the country. Olive trees planted a century and a half ago still bear crops. The mammoth palms offer shelter and shade to the traveler. Waters from nearby springs provide drink and moisture.

Today's setting is a wonderful one and the great outdoor pageant will recall the days of gaiety such as enjoyed by the early Californians who came far and wide to celebrate at the old Mission.

Always there must be a Queen and the ruler of the celebration is one of the country's most beautiful and talented young ladies. We all pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen.

No celebration would be complete without a street parade and a grand ball. Both of these events will attract thousands of out of town visitors to our midst. We bid them most welcome.

We the people of Alameda County are fortunate in residing in what might be rightfully called a typical "Garden of Eden," there is not any other California county that offers such a diversified list of opportunities to those who are willing to extend themselves and work. Nothing comes to those who refuse to give their time and effort.

Alameda County counts among its other assets aside from the historic Mission, such communities as the great Livermore and Amador valleys whose lands produce bountiful crops of hay, grain and grapes.

In nearby Eden township we point to the massive fruit orchards whose products are shipped around the world either as fresh, dried or canned fruit. Vegetables from local fields leave Washington township in carload lots for markets throughout the nation.

Fortunate we are to be able to reside in a land of plenty. Other parts of the world who depend on California for food are envious of our position. Sometimes I wonder if we appreciate our position in life as we should.

A neighborly feeling exists between all sections of Alameda County. Community rivalry never gets beyond the point where enemies result. United in an effort to foster the welfare of the county the people from the rural areas are of much assistance to their city neighbors whose ambition is to see a great community on the shores of San Francisco Bay.

Cities and industry cannot thrive without the back country that produces fruit, vegetables, hay, livestock and poultry. The country is as essential to a city as food is to keep alive the human race.

It is with a keen sense of satisfaction that we gather at Mission San Jose to commemorate the 150th, anniversary of the founding of the historic mission rightfully known as "The Cradle of Civilization in Alameda County."

WARM SPRINGS

Township Schools

WARM SPRINGS School

The first school house to be built in Warm Springs was a very simple affair which was completed and used in 1864. In 1889 quite a fine two-story frame building was erected which served for forty-six years. In 1935 bonds were issued and certified for a new school building. This was erected at the cost of $51,000 and dedicated on July 2nd., 1936, with the return of many of the pupils of the earlier school present and participating in the ceremonies of that occasion. School was begun in the new building in August of that year. The present District Superintendent is James Nunes. The trustees are Frank Gomes, Tony Vargas and Melvin Leal, who is clerk of the Board.

This is a model modern school and has a fine group of 4-H boys and girls who have participated in various public functions in a most laudable manner.

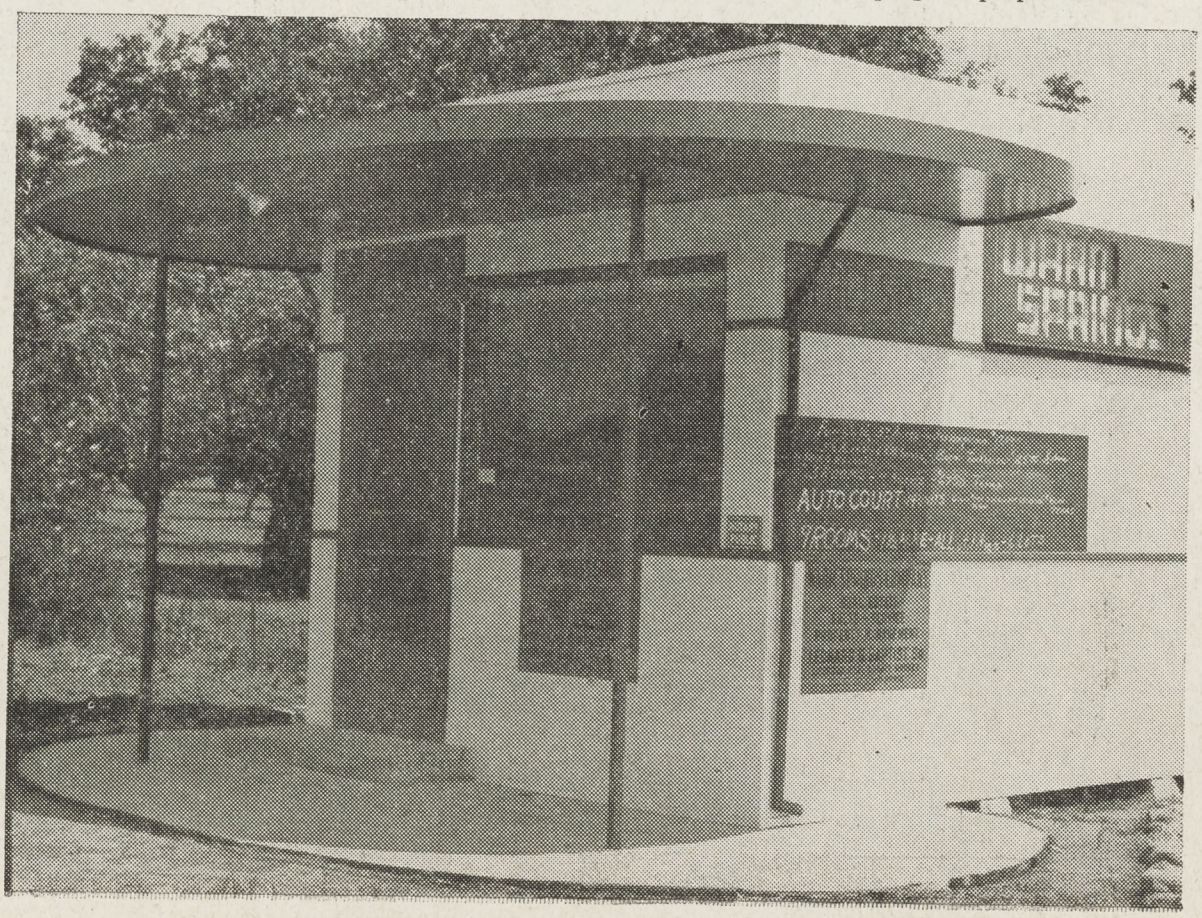
Wilshire Gas Station

This man has built a court of houses and proved progressive.

Mr. Strano conducts a very fine Gas Station at the WarmSprings Y

Baptist--Real Estate

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Baptist, realtors, have WarmSprings office which is new and shows they are very progress people there.



TOWNSHIP Proud of IRVINGTON---

O. N. HIRSCH–MRS. WHIPPLE PLANNED TO SELL MOFFATT FIELD TO GOV'T.

DESERVE CREDIT FOR LOCATING SUNNYVALE BASE IN 1931

When preparations were needed for a big air base previous to the last World War, and the officials were casting about for a big acreage that had the requirements they needed two far-seeing people (O. N. Hirsch and Mrs. Laura Whipple) agreed that the site of Moffatt Field was the logical one. But they had to sell the idea to many people, and finally had many chambers of commerce like the San Jose Chamber of Commerce and numerous civic groups in a couple of counties trying to keep the filed selection from going down to Southern California. This Sunnyvale Air Base took three years to get final decision. Some 1,800 acres were offered for sale, with Mr. Hirsch getting numerous options to make one big site. The government finally selected 1,000 of those acres which was a $500,000 deal. . That is one of the finest pieces of promotion any two people in California ever did, and it was two Township folks (O. N. Hirsch and Mrs. Laura Whipple) who prepared numerous maps, and reports who gave this part of the state one of the West's biggest air bases.

We think facts like this show that our realtors are doing a good job bringing people to our section, and developing it—and should receive due credit.

Mr. Hirsch has sold other big tracts of land in recent years, as well as smaller deals every week. One of the biggest was the Curtner Ranch of $200,000 value in 1934. The I. D. E. S. Lodge purchased it.

This realtor has been selling real estate for 40 years—from 1907 to 1947. His office is across from the H & K Appliance Store in Irvington. He has plans for the new Irvington Postoffice building, awaiting materials.

Allan Hirsch Carries On Pioneer Business

The pioneer Hirsch's Store is handled by Allan Hirsch, and pioneers remember this store for its long time of serving the public with their groceries and general merchandising. Much of Allan's time is devoted to the traditional business the firm carries on, in handling fruit.. Much fruit is bought from the grower each year. Some 20,000 boxes of apricots were handled last year. About 125 people are employed in fruit for at least two months, in packing and drying operations.

RAY BENBOW Distributes RIO GRANDE Gas

Ray Benbow is wholesale distributor for Rio Grande gasoline from his Irvington headquarters. Vinc Bettencourt assists him, and they service. a wide area.

HIRSCH'S STORE IN BUSINESS IN IRV INGTON OVER 50 YEARS---A PIONEER

HIRSCH'S STORE ODD FELLOWS HALL H & K APPLIANCE STORE

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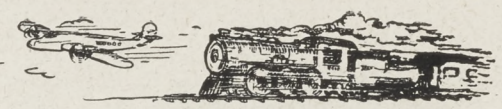


Anniversary At Mission San Jose

MISSION SAN JOSE

There are twelve towns in southern Alameda County. None of them attarct the attention of tourists as does Mission San Jose. This is because of the old Mission buildings which are now one hundred and fifty years old. Very rarely does a day go by without a group of tourists maybe several groups stopping to look at the old Mission. It is not on any railroad, but carries its own particular charm of gracious homes, lovely gardens and a quiet serenity not found elsewhere in the county.

There is one thing always to be noted about the sites chosen by the Padres, there was always fertile soil, good water, and the best climate. This is especially true of Mission San Jose which was founded in 1797 on the Eleventh of June by Father Fermin Francisco Lasuen.

It was here that the first vines and fruit trees were planted, and the first vegetables and grains were grown, as well as the first cattle, horses and sheep raised, in all of what is now Alameda County, in fact it has been called "The Cradle of Civilization for Alameda County."

It was quite an active center of trade during the days of the gold rush when a great many of the miners came from San Francisco to the embarcadero the Padres had built near Alvarado, and from there on up through the Mission on their way to the mines. They also came back through the Mission, and there were colorful days so long as it lasted. Most of the old buildings were destroyed by fire, very few remain.

There are several wineries, stores, public grammar school, St. Mary's of the Palms, school for girls; the Dominican College, Linda Vista, one of Southern Alameda County's popular playgrounds; a branch of the County Library System and a modern fire department make up the little town.

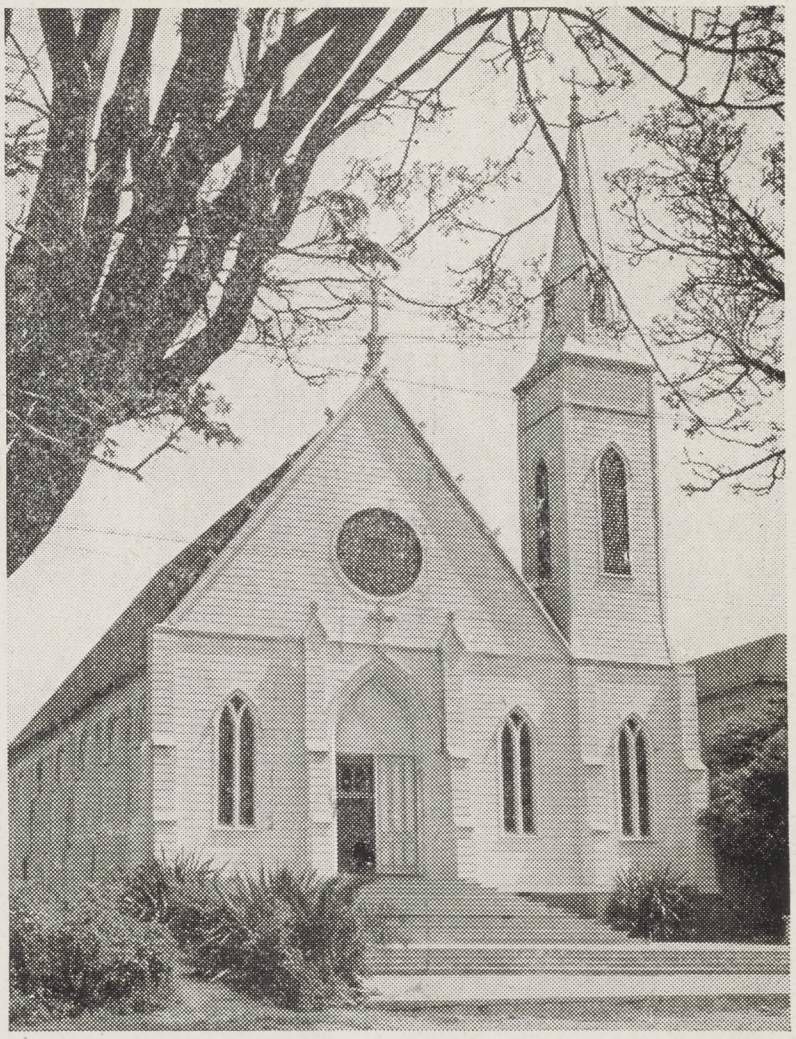
Frequent bus service to San Jose, fiften miles south, and to Oakland, thirty-one miles north, together with various trucking lines furnish necessary transportation.

Mission San Jose's main street, as well as the main street of other towns in the community have blossomed forth with banners telling the world that this is where we celebrate the Fiesta.

STAGE SETTING COMPLETED

The outdoor stage is being completed, the bleachers are up and all is being made ready for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, 31, and June 1st.

MISSION SAN JOSE CHURCH



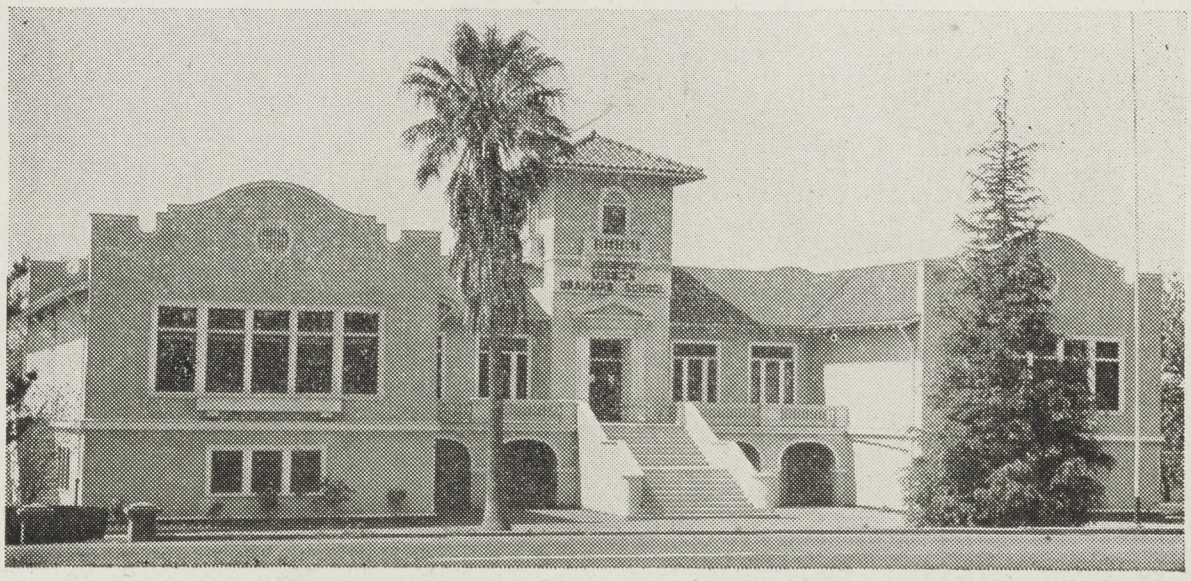
Mission San Jose School

The first school in Washington Township to be supported by public funds is still standing at the juncture of the Niles road and Stockton Passalthough it was built in 1858.

The next school to be built in the Mission was on Ellsworth street around 1890. This building served until the present structure was erected in 1913. It still serves the community well, but in 1935 it was rebraced and considerably improved both inside and out of the building, as well as the grounds under the skillful direction of E. B. Hodges, its present District Superintendent.

It is the meeting place this year of the various Sesquicentennial committees, both its play room and auditorium being used for this purpose. The Trustees are Joe R. Telles, president of the Board, Frank Vargas and Joe F. Azevada, clerk. It is well situated on the main highway, and has a very good ball team using a splendid ball field.

MISSION SAN JOSE SCHOOL



Weibel Champagne

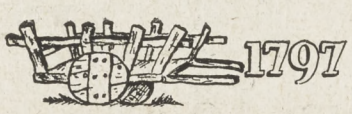
VINEYARDS MISSION SAN JOSE

The Weibel Champagne Vineyards, Mission San Jose, California, located in the foothills of Mission Peak at the site of the old Stanford Winery, produce Champagne in the Genuine French tradition based on 43 years manufacturing experience. The vineyards are planted exclusively in Genuine Champagne varieties imported from the Champagne districts of Rheims and Epernay in France. The entire crop of grapes will be used at the Champagne winery for the production of the famous "Weibel Champagne." Public acceptance of Weibel's California Champagnes has given it National Prominence and regular shipments leave for many important cities in the Philippines, China, Japan and the Pacific Islands.

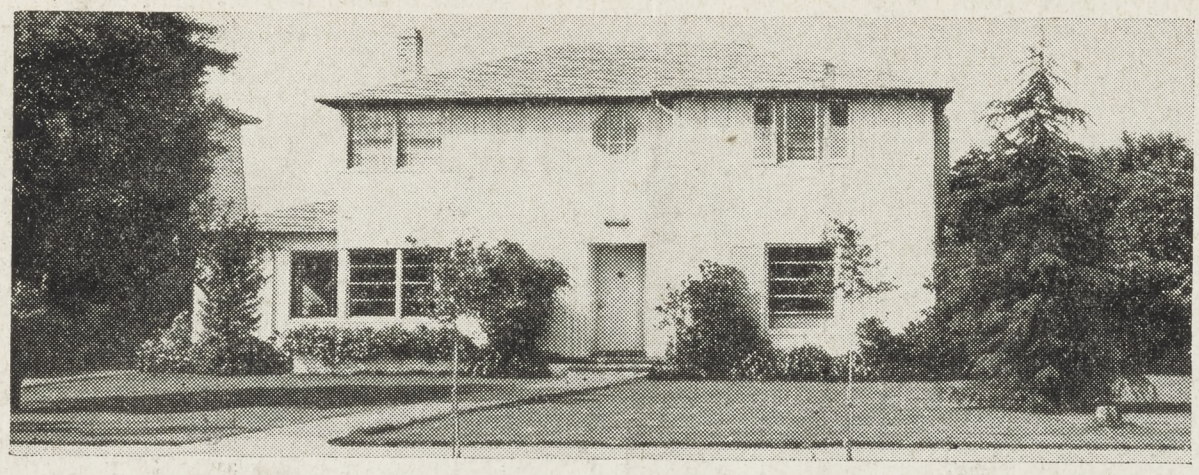
Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Weibel, visited last summer and fall many European countries and studied the world market, renewing on this extended business trip numerous old conections and adding many new ones. During his absence the business was successfully managed by the able hands of his son Fred and daughter-in-law, Hulda, together with the help of Mr. A. Habluetzel, Mr. and Mrs. O. Habluetzel, Mrs. Leo Schegg, and a number of employees living in Washington Township.

This Champagne business is built up for an annual production of 40,000 cases of the finest champagnes and Sparkling Burgundies, all produced in the Genuine French tradition. Extreme pride is taken in the quality of the products.

Mr. R. E. Weibel states that there is absolutely no reason why his products should not be as good as the best imported ones. We have more sunshine here throughout the year than the Champagne regions of France experienced in its best vintage years. Our soil, and climate are extraordinarily good. This together with using the finest Champagne Grape varieties, plus skill based on a lifetime of experience are the pillars of our production knowledge and the explanation for the nation wide success of Weibel Champagne Vineyards.

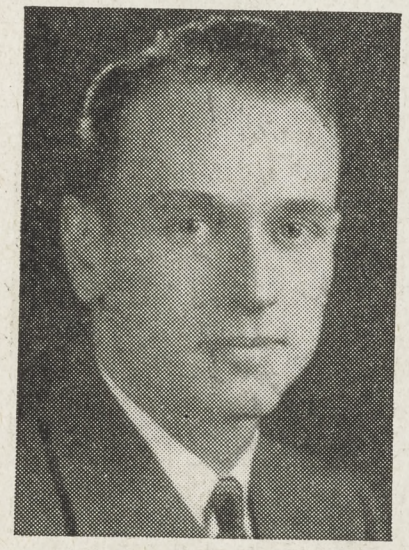


CENTERVILLE Fetes Mission San Jose 150th Anniversary



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN STEVENSON OF CENTERVILLE

JOHN STEVENSON of CENTERVILLE Leased Land to Make Center Airport Possible



LIVES ON MAIN ST., Centerville

The Center Airport would not have been possible had it not been for the cooperation of John Stevenson of Centerville. who willingly leased high grade farming land in order that his beloved Washington Township could be placed on the "Air Map of the Nation." His folks were early settlers and among the most prominent in the valley.

John Stevenson is a graduate of Stanford University and a full fledged lawyer to show for his fine education. While at Stanford he met the charming young lady he wedded a year ago, and brought to Centerville to make her home. Their lovely home on North Main Street is shown above.

JOE BOLIBA—OWNS NILES "GARDEN BASKET"

The big store downstairs in Odd Fellows Hall building on Main St. is handled by Joe Boliba, who with his wife Annie Boliba, made such a success of his former store in Decoto years ago. All his time is in Niles now, and he has a complete market — groceries, fruits and vegetables, and meats. This is really one of the biggest stores.

MAX STEVENSON PROMOTES IRVINGTON TRACT OF HOMES

An error crept into a story on the new Irvington Tract of homes. We erroneously mentioned that Harry Stevenson owned this tract, while it should have been Max Stevenson. The big venture of such a big Mission San Jose book probably caused us to make this error.

By the way Harry Stevenson has a large farm and dairy the other side of Irvington. Good luck Harry.

ALVISO SCHOOL

The Alviso School district was organized in 1856. Another building was erected in 1910. This building was improved by the addition of an auditorium in 1936. Later the old school house was torn down, with the exception of the newly built auditorium, and the present modern structure erected in 1940.

This school has also experienced an increase in pupils, consequently in April of 1946 a bond issue of $15,000 was authorized for the erection of a cafeteria and the purchase of more land for the playground. The land has been purchased recently, and the cafeteria will be built as soon as materials are available. In the meantime a temporary cafeteria will be opened in the auditorium this fall.

Mrs. Elsie Madruga is the District Superintendent. The Trustees are Frank Faria, Jr., clerk, Mayme Roderick and Manuel Abreu.

ALVISO SCHOOL -One of Best in the Township Elsie Madruga, Principal

MACHADO'S CORNER -- PIONEER INTERSECTION IN THE ALVISO DSTRICT

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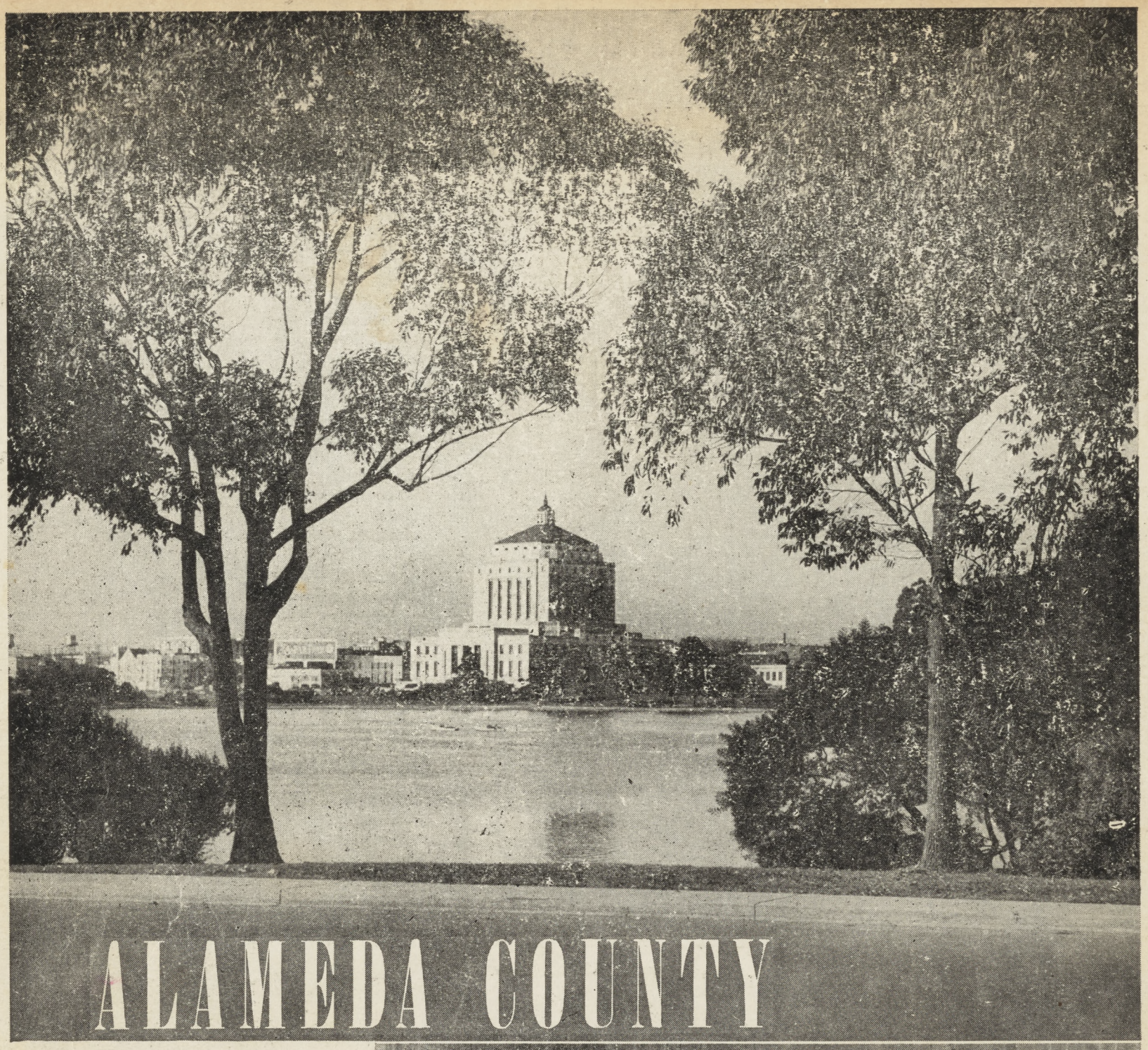

ALAMEDA COUNTY

150 Years Ago

The Padres Founded

MISSION SAN JOSE de GUADELUPE

TODAY

Alameda County

Commemorates That Historic Occasion

We Are Proud to Have the Mission in the County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Standing (left to right)—GEORGE JANSSEN and CHESTER E. STANLEY

Seated (left to right)—THOMAS E. CALDECOTT, HARRY BARTELL, chairman, CLIFFORD WIXSON

—OUR CIVILIZATION—
Dates Back to 1797 When the Padres Founded the Mission